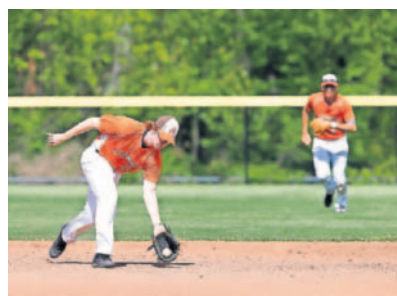




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NICE START

Agawam pitcher Mason Barcomb won his varsity debut and pitched a complete game for the 9-1 victory against Chicopee. B1



TODAY'S MUST-READS

WASHINGTON

Biden's tax hike on Neal's shoulders

President Joe Biden's push for the first major federal tax increase since 1993 now rests on the shoulders of Springfield Democrat Richard Neal.

It's a career moment that comes full circle for Neal, who chairs the House committee responsible for writing the legislation. He joined the key tax-writing body during the battle for that last wave of increases.

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PHILADELPHIA

Cosby denied parole

Actor Bill Cosby won't be paroled this year after refusing to participate in sex offender programs during his nearly three years in state prison in Pennsylvania.

The 83-year-old Cosby has long said he would resist the treatment programs and refuse to acknowledge wrongdoing even if it means serving the full 10-year sentence.

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HOLYOKE

Inpatient psychiatric units open Tuesday

Citing an "urgent need" in the community, Holyoke Medical Center will open two new inpatient psychiatric units for adults on Tuesday at a cost of \$7.3 million.

It will increase the hospital's inpatient psychiatric beds from 20 to 54, and help address an ongoing regional bed shortage that has caused delays in emergency rooms for patients awaiting them.

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WEATHER

Morning rain, chilly.
High: 52°; Low: 45°

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CORONAVIRUS

State's COVID restrictions lifted

Baker claims virus 'on the run'

By COLIN A. YOUN
State House News Service

With a few strokes of his pen yesterday afternoon, Gov. Charlie Baker ordered the end of the state-mandated COVID-19 restrictions that have shaped life in Massachu-

setts since last March and then added an asterisk to the notion that the state's public health crisis is over and done with.

"Unless something very odd happens I would say that it is pretty much over but ... I would put an asterisk on anything that

says it's over," the governor said yesterday afternoon in the State House Library. "But I do believe that it is certainly on the run in a big way and, given the data as it currently exists right now, Massachusetts is in a place where we can lift these restrictions and do so with a fairly high degree of confidence that people have done

the things that we needed to do to beat this thing down."

As of today in Massachusetts, all industries will be permitted to open to 100% capacity, indoor and outdoor gathering limits will be rescinded and, with the exception of face-covering requirements for certain settings, all

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SPRINGFIELD

Commemorative ceremony

Above, Springfield Mayor Domenic J. Sarno, right, introduces Vietnam veteran Bernard McClusky, middle, at the annual Memorial Day Commemorative Ceremony on the steps of City Hall yesterday. "We want to acknowledge and respect our veterans, who gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect the freedoms we enjoy today and honor the memory of our brave and dedicated veterans," Sarno said. Looking on is state Rep. Angelo Puppola. Above left, the presentation of the colors by Springfield police officers and firefighters at the ceremony. At left, veterans and elected officials pay their respects at the Vietnam War Memorial at Court Square. See more photos at MassLive.com.

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SPRINGFIELD

'Personality bigger than life'

Partners, leaders mourn loss of restaurateur

By JIM KINNEY
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Andy Yee left everyone — the governor, someone he met in line at the supermarket, everyone — feeling like they'd just made a close friend, longtime friend and business partner Kevin Vann said yesterday.

"He had the ability to make people comfortable," said Vann, a partner with Peter Picknelly and the Yee family at Springfield's Student Prince and the Fort. "He brought you the best in life for everyone."

Yee died Thursday surrounded by family. He was 59, and would have turned 60 next month.

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Andy Yee and Peter Picknelly at a celebrity bartender fundraiser at the Student Prince and Fort in September 2017. Yee died Thursday surrounded by family. He was 59 and would have turned 60 next week. (THE REPUBLICAN FILE PHOTO)

SPRINGFIELD

Retired judge leaves diocesan task force

By STEPHANIE BARRY
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Citing a consulting job with a law firm closely associated with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield, retired Judge Daniel A. Ford stepped down yesterday from its 10-member Task Force on the Response to Sexual Abuse.

The diocese made the announcement just about a year after Ford, a retired Hampden Superior Court judge, was named to lead the panel. The task force was formed last May in response to a report issued by another retired judge, Peter Velis, on the diocese's handling

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Judge

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of allegations of sexual abuse by late Bishop Christopher J. Weldon. A Chicopee man came forward with allegations Weldon and two other priests repeatedly raped him when he was a child in the 1960s.

Velis issued a bruising report in June finding the man’s allegations credible, and criticizing the diocese’s initial response to the complaint. The late bishop’s likeness and name were stripped from locations throughout the diocese and his body exhumed from a prominent spot in a Springfield cemetery — to be relocated to a lesser spot with a plain headstone.

The task force was fashioned by former Bishop Mitchell T. Rozanski, who has since been named archbishop of St. Louis, Missouri. Bishop William D. Byrne replaced Rozanski in the Springfield diocese, which covers all four western counties.

The diocese made the announcement about Ford’s departure yesterday as the task force approaches the latter stages of its work, a spokeswoman said.

“Having completed its data and information collection process, Judge Ford informed his colleagues that he had been retained to provide advice in a civil matter, having nothing to do with the Diocese of Springfield, but involving Egan, Flanagan, and Cohen, PC the Springfield law firm which also represents the diocese,” diocesan spokeswoman Carolee McGrath said.

Ford said he acquiesced to the recommendation that he step down, even though he did not view his arrangement with the law firm as problematic.

“While my work with the law firm did not constitute a conflict of interest as prescribed by legal standards, in discussing this matter with the Task Force members it became clear to me that members of the group did have concerns. In recognition of that feedback and given the sensitivity of the subject matter being considered, even the appearance of a conflict, had the potential of compromising the credibility of the Task Force’s



Daniel A. Ford stepped down yesterday from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield 10-member Task Force on the Response to Sexual Abuse. Ford cited a consulting job with a law firm closely associated with the diocese. (DON TREEGER / THE REPUBLICAN)

work,” Ford said in a statement.

The retired judge submitted his resignation to Byrne, effective immediately.

The bishop thanked Ford for his efforts and integrity.

“I am most grateful to Judge Ford for having guided the Task Force through its information gathering work these past months and his tireless advocacy of the Task Force in the news media. He has shown a great understanding for the need of the Task Force’s work to be above any reproach, stepping down from work that he had fully committed himself to since last June,” Byrne said.

Ford’s resignation comes days after the diocese was rocked by a break in the 49-year-old murder investigation into the death of altar boy Daniel “Danny” Croteau.

Although defrocked priest Richard Lavigne died before he could be charged, Hampden District Attorney Anthony Gulluni revealed Monday that investigators determined the 13-year-old Croteau died at the hands of Lavigne. The former priest did not confess to killing the child, but admitted to investigators taking Croteau to a spot along the Chicopee River, physically assaulting him there and later seeing his body in the water.

Next week, the diocese also is expected to release an updated list of priests and lay personnel who have had credible allegations of sexual abuse leveled against them.

The task force will consider a transition of leadership at its June 2 meeting, McGrath said.

LOTTERIES

MASS. DAILY NUMBERS

Friday, May 28

	Mid Day 6951	Evening 6200
Exact order		
All 4	\$5,489	\$5,211
First or last 3	\$767	\$730
Any 2	\$66	\$63
Any 1	\$7	\$6

Any order		
All 4	\$228	\$434
First 3	\$128	\$122
Last 3	\$128	\$243

Previous numbers drawn		
Thursday	8664	1886
Wednesday	5700	8764
Tuesday	8162	7367
Monday	0219	7670
Sunday	9168	5696
Saturday	5604	5237

MEGA MILLIONS

May 28	Not available
Megaball: NA; Megaplier: NA	
May 25	14-21-31-34-54
Megaball: 11; Megaplier: 3	

MASS CASH

May 28	Not available
May 27	3-5-6-14-17
May 26	6-18-19-23-29

MEGABUCKS

May 26	17-18-30-34-47-48
Doubler: 0	
Estimated jackpot: \$1.6 million	
May 22	1-11-19-36-37-43
Doubler: 9	

LUCKY FOR LIFE

May 27	5-6-8-40-43
Lucky Ball: 17	
May 24	3-6-7-36-48
Lucky Ball: 3	

POWERBALL

May 26	2-8-21-34-62
Powerball: 16; Power Play: 2	
Estimated jackpot: \$253 million	
May 22	3-19-27-37-40
Powerball: 8; Power Play: 2	

TODAY’S OBITUARIES

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MASSACHUSETTS CORONAVIRUS CASE TRACKER

Deaths	Tested	Positives	US deaths	US positives
17,495	22,863,553	660,766	593,930	33,239,171

Last update: May 28, 2021 | Sources: Massachusetts Department of Public Health; Johns Hopkins University

Restrictions

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state-mandated COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted. The state of emergency that’s been in place since March 10, 2020 will be lifted at 12:01 a.m. on June 15 under an order Baker signed yesterday.

People who have not been vaccinated will be advised, but not ordered, to continue wearing face masks and to continue distancing in most settings, but the state’s new advisory will recommend that vaccinated individuals no longer need to wear a face-covering or social distance indoors or outdoors except for in certain situations.

To facilitate the requirement that masks be worn on transportation, in health care settings and elsewhere, Baker yesterday signed what he said was a “modified declaration of a public health emergency.” He said that declaration will also facilitate testing, tracing and vaccination efforts after the state of emergency ends.

The state’s slots parlor and two resort casinos will also be allowed to return to mostly normal pre-pandemic operations this weekend thanks to a vote of the Gaming Commission this week. And while students and teachers will continue to wear masks and distance through the end of this school year, state guidance issued Thursday calls for fully in-person schooling without a mask mandate or required distancing in the fall.

As more people become vaccinated and the public health situation improves, the strategy to stop the spread of COVID-19 now shifts from more than a year of mandating how businesses can and should operate to an emphasis on personal risk assessment and choice. Businesses may opt to keep some restrictions in place to protect their employees and customers, and each individual can make decisions based on their own comfort

level and virus conditions in their community.

Since the first coronavirus case was confirmed here Feb. 1, 2020, 660,513 people here have been infected with COVID-19 and the virus has taken the lives of 17,850 people since the first death was announced March 20, 2020. As Baker officially rescinded his COVID-19 orders yesterday, public health officials estimated there were more than 7,800 active cases of COVID-19 in Massachusetts.

Since Baker first laid out a roadmap to the end of COVID-19 restrictions on April 27, initially suggesting an end date of Aug. 1, the average number of daily new cases has dropped 82.5 percent from nearly 1,200 new cases a day to an average of 208 new cases a day. The average number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients is down 58% from more than 650 patients to an average of 274 now. Deaths are down more than 40% from more than 10 a day to about six a day, a low since the pandemic began. The state’s average positive test rate was 1.72% then and now stands at 0.80 percent.

And since the governor announced his accelerated reopening timeline on May 17, new cases are down 57%, hospitalizations are down 29%, deaths are down 35% and the positive test rate has shed about three-tenths of a percent.

Only Tisbury, on Martha’s Vineyard, remains in the category that the Department of Public Health considers to be at highest risk of COVID-19 transmission. At one point in January, almost two-thirds of the state’s 351 cities and towns were “in the red.”

As of Thursday’s report from DPH, more than 3.5 million people in Massachusetts or about half of the entire population had received the necessary doses to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Yesterday, Baker recounted the ways people in Massachusetts adapted and adjusted to the pandemic and supported their neighbors.

“But the most important

thing people did was they got vaccinated,” he said. The governor added, “It is, in some respects, a profound demonstration of how people here stepped up when they really needed to to make it possible for us to put this thing behind us and I am hugely grateful that so many people did it.”

Baker had said Massachusetts was on track to meet its goal of vaccinating at least 4.1 million residents by next week, but yesterday he said that milestone is more likely to come in the middle of the month. He said vaccination efforts will likely shift to focus on mobile clinics, pop-ups “and almost like home delivery” of vaccine doses through the summer.

The state is not just lifting its COVID-19 mandates, it’s also encouraging people to get out of the house and dine at some of the restaurants that have been walloped over the last 15 months. The Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism announced a \$1.9 million ad campaign Thursday to promote dining out.

Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito cautioned eager diners that it may not be an immediate return to pre-pandemic norms. She said restaurants may have altered or reduced menus, might opt to adjust seating plans and could stick with a preference for contactless payment. Baker said people need to “respect and follow” whatever rules businesses decide to put in place.

“I think all of us need to continue to be what Massachusetts has been since this started, which is respectful of their friends and their neighbors and to recognize that not everybody is going to be in the same place, psychologically, as everybody else,” he said. “It’s been a really hard, tough year for people and I think that’s something people should incorporate into the way they think about that. If somebody has a business and they’d like you to wear a mask when you come in, you should wear a mask. I’m certainly going to do that.”

BERLIN

European regulator clears Pfizer shot for adolescents

The European Medicines Agency yesterday recommended that the use of the coronavirus vaccine made by Pfizer and BioNTech be expanded to children ages 12 to 15, a decision that offers younger and less at-risk populations across the continent access to a COVID-19 shot for the first time.

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was the first one granted authorization across the European Union in December, when it was given the green light for use in anyone 16 and over. Since then, about 173 million doses have been administered in the EU, which is about three-quarters of all vaccine shots given so far in the 27-nation bloc.

“Extending the protection of a safe and effective vaccine in this younger population is an important step forward in the fight against this pandemic,” Marco Cavaleri, head of health threats and vaccine strategy at the Amsterdam-based EMA, said.

The EU regulator authorized the vaccine for younger adolescents after receiving data from the United States showing it to be highly effective against infection. In a study involving 2,000 adolescents, none of those who received the vaccine got COVID-19, compared with 16 in a control group that received a placebo, Cavaleri said.

“The vaccine was well-tolerated, and the side effects in this age group were very much similar (to) what we’ve seen in young adults and not raising major concern at this point in time,” he said.

The EMA decision needs to be rubber-stamped by the European Commission, and national regulators can decide whether the vaccine will be offered to children under 16 in each country.

- Associated Press



Peter Picknelly and Andy Yee at their grand reopening of the White Hut in August 2020. (THE REPUBLICAN FILE PHOTO)



Andy Yee, partner in the Student Prince Restaurant, greets Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker at a fundraiser at the restaurant in Springfield. In the background is Peter Picknelly, the governor’s wife Lauren Baker and Springfield City Councilor Tim Rooke. Yee died Thursday surrounded by family. Baker also visited Yee in the hospital Thursday. (DAVE ROBACK / THE REPUBLICAN)

wait staff on up, Yee mentored over he decades.

“There wasn’t a table he didn’t touch,” Vann said. “There wasn’t a person he didn’t greet.”

He recalled how Yee was a steady force when the family closed Chicopee’s iconic Hu Ke Lau in 2018.

Vann also said Yee was an expert at developing ideas into workable concepts, like when he worked with Peter Picknelly and the Vann family to save The Fort and later The White Hut from closure.

“The Fort was Andy’s gift to Springfield,” Vann said. “He saw so many places closing.”

Yee’s wife Sarah, and children Tiffany, Matthew, Bella and Emma, along with his mother, Linda, also survive him.

Vann said Gov. Charlie Baker visited Yee in the hospital Thursday.

Baker wrote on Yee’s Facebook page, “I am so sad you have left us here on earth. You are an amazing man. A bolt of lightning and a ray of sunshine for everyone who knew you. God Bless you and your beautiful and wonderful family. And I will see you at the bar on the other side. RIP my very dear friend.”

In a statement, Springfield Mayor Domenic J. Sarno offered condolences to Yee’s family and friends, and said he and his wife, Carla, had also visited Yee in his final days.

“Hoping and praying that this would not be the last goodbye — unfortunately it was,” Sarno said. “Just like his late father, Johnny Yee of Hu Ke Lau fame, Andy was so kind hearted, visionary, and always that can do attitude of why not and not only think big, but do big.”

Sarno wasn’t the only mayor to praise Yee. Northampton’s David Narkewicz posted a photo from the grand opening of the Northampton Wurst Haus. In the photo, Narkewicz is helping Yee and his family and business partners cut a ceremonial string of linked sausages.

“Andy’s vision and positive energy were infectious and I will be forever grateful for his investments in Northampton. Sending my love and condolences to the entire Yee family, which was always at the center of his life,” Narkewicz said.



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Gov. Charlie Baker responding to the death of restaurateur and businessman Andrew Yee, who died Thursday. He was 59. Baker posted the comment on Yee's Facebook page.



“I had a lot of feelings, philosophical thoughts – at the age of 6. The only way I got older and wiser was that I got better trained. But that brain and soul were at their peak.”

Self-proclaimed “picture writer,” Eric Carle speaking to The Los Angeles Times in 1995. The author and illustrator of “The Very Hungry Caterpillar,” died on Sunday at his summer studio in Northampton. He was 91.



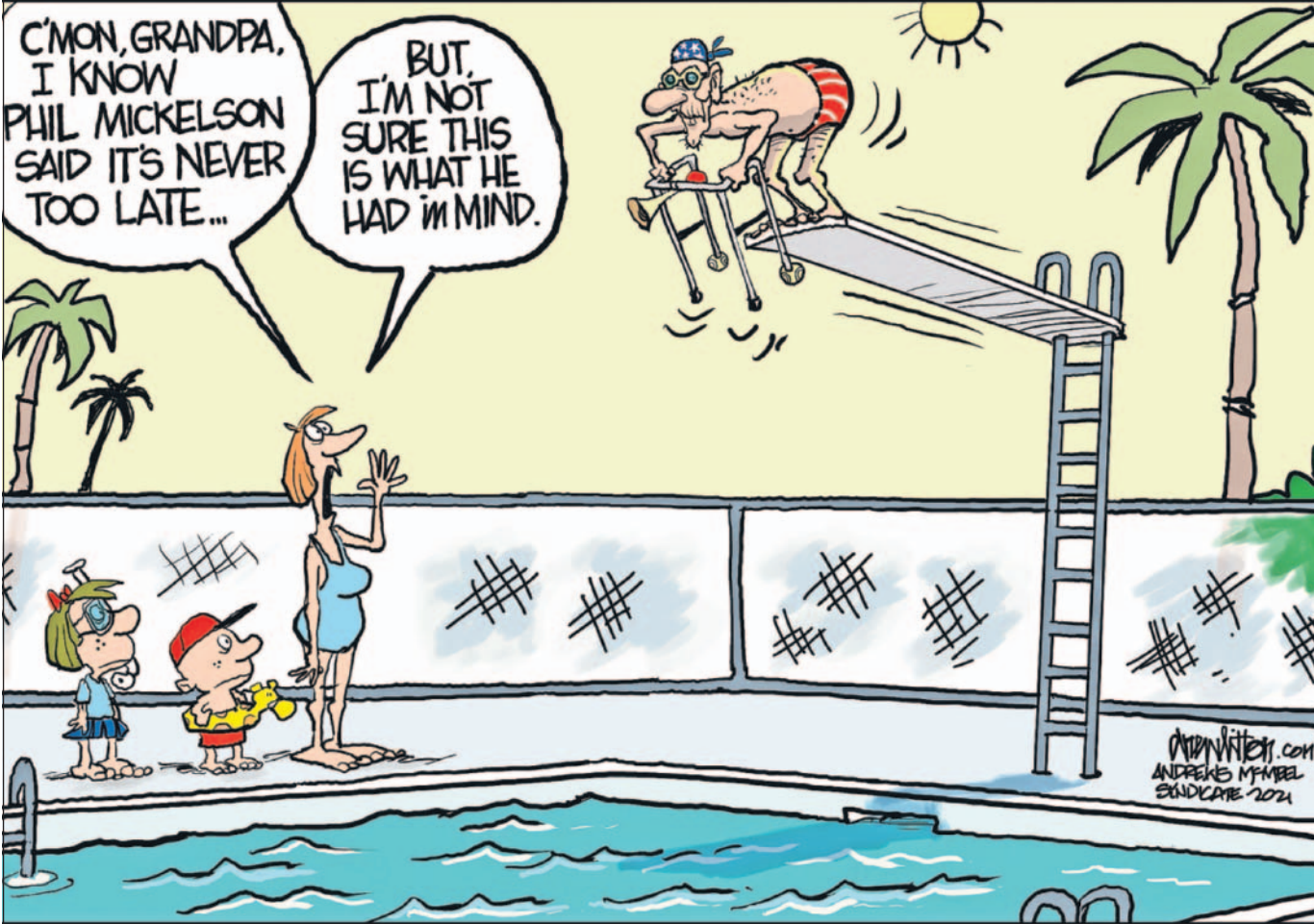
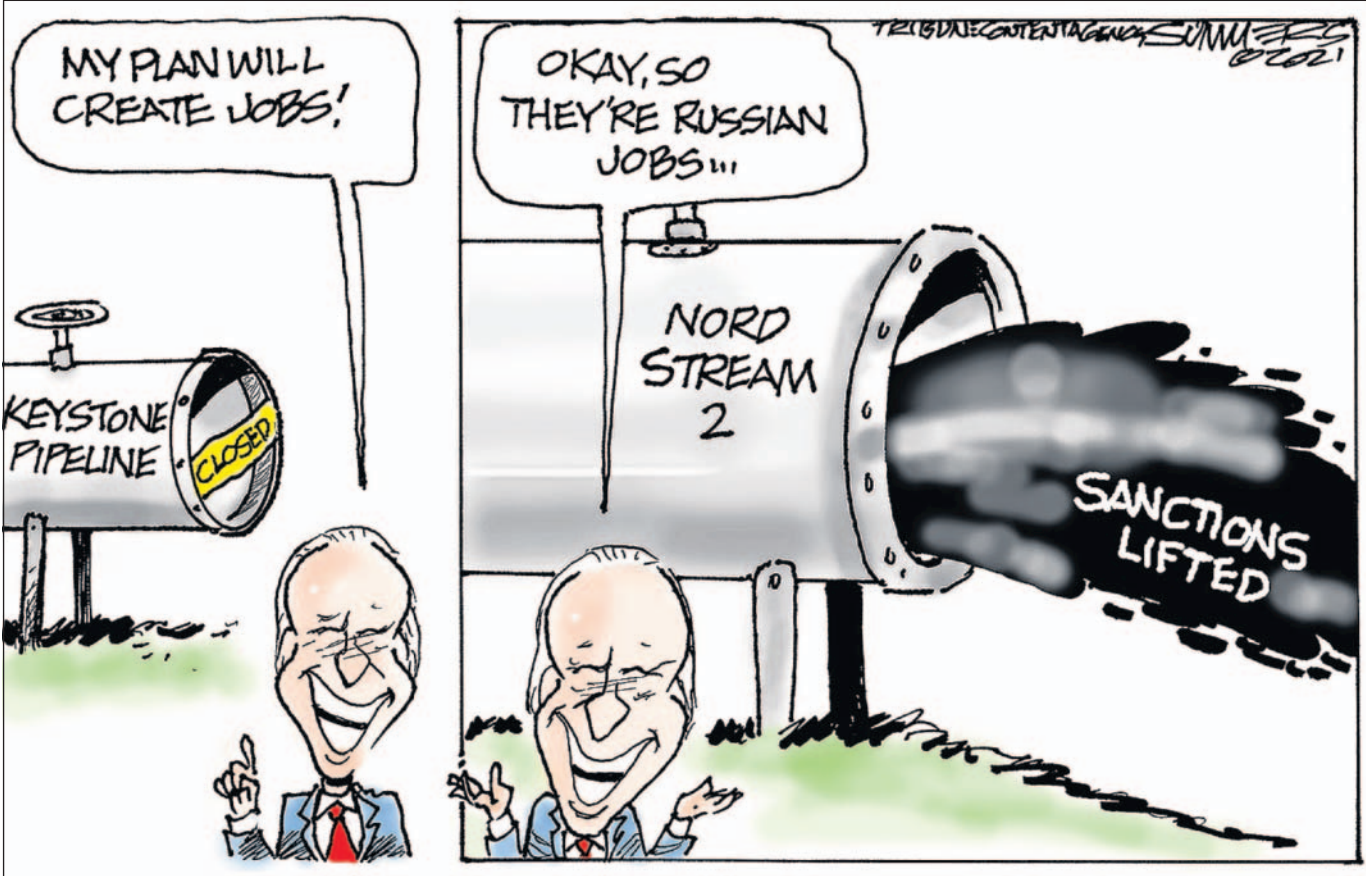
It’s been a troubling year, a long year. But we made it. ... The love is here. George is here.”

Bridgett Floyd, sister of George Floyd, speaking at a “Celebration of Life” event at a downtown Minneapolis Park to honor her brother a year after his death at the hands of Minneapolis police.



“I am grateful to the voters of the Commonwealth for putting their faith in me and to my colleagues in government for their collaboration. This has been a thrill and an honor I never envisioned when I first walked into the Statehouse as a legislative intern in 1978.”

Massachusetts State Auditor Suzanne Bump announcing she won’t seek a fourth term for office. Bump said it’s time to make way for “another leader who shares my commitment to making government work better and building the public trust to pursue this mission.”



SPRINGFIELD

Ex-gun shop employee convicted

A Michigan man who once worked at a now-defunct South Hadley gun shop was sentenced to 13 months in federal prison after admitting to illegal possession of a machine gun, of falsifying records and taking part in two ‘straws sales’ where guns were sold to a secret buyer.

William J. Scott, 32, had pleaded guilty in September to several charges, including possession of unregistered firearms, making false statements, and making false entries and failing to maintain records as required by law.

In addition to the prison sentence, Judge Mark Mastroianni ordered Scott to serve three years probation after his release.

Scott worked Dark Horse Gunsmithing in South Hadley beginning in 2013. During that time he purchased and possessed a fully automatic machinegun that was not registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record as required by the National Firearm Act.

He also admitted to taking part in two straw purchases, where he sold firearms to one person while knowing the guns would be delivered to a third person. He falsified information on a Firearms Transaction form and failed to log firearms into the Dark Horse Acquisition and Disposition Record, leaving some such firearms potentially untraceable.

In February, one of the owners of Dark Horse Gunsmithing, Max T. Gaj, was sentenced to 18 months in prison for several firearm violations.

NORTHAMPTON

Man arrested after high-speed chase

A man accused of threatening to shoot two Northampton police officers last week was later stopped on Interstate 91 and arrested by Massachusetts State Police, according to authorities.

Law enforcement said the 32-year-old Northampton man on May 22 threatened to get a gun and shoot the two officers, who were working detail shifts. Three days later, a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Officers found the man and attempted to take him into custody near his car. However, he is accused of getting into his vehicle and driving away at a high rate of speed, according to a statement from the Northampton Police Department.

GREENFIELD

Child rapist remains jailed

An Athol man, nearing the end of his 10-year sentence for child rape will remain in custody indefinitely after a Franklin County jury found him to be “a sexually dangerous person.”

Following the Franklin Superior Court verdict on Thursday, William Hoyt, 47, was ordered to be committed at the Massachusetts Treatment Center in Bridgewater. He is to remain there until such a time when it is determined that is no longer considered a danger to society.

Hoyt, formerly of Greenfield, was sentenced in 2010 to between 10 and 12 years in prison following his conviction for rape and abuse of a child.

He had previously been convicted and sentenced in 1994 for indecent assault and battery on a child, and again in 2005 for indecent assault and battery on an adult. The state’s Sexual Offender Registry Board considers Hoyt a level 3 sex offender, meaning he is at high risk to offend again.

LEVERETT

Agawam man dies in crash

An Agawam man who was critically injured Sunday in a motorcycle crash on Cave Hill Road died of his injuries, according to the Northwestern District Attorney’s Office.

Craig M. Vosburgh was pronounced dead Wednesday at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, where he was taken following the crash.

According to the DA’s office, Vosburgh’s motorcycle went off the road into a soft shoulder at around 5 p.m., and crashed about 20 feet off the roadway.

HOLYOKE

New psychiatric units open Tuesday

Holyoke Medical Center’s inpatient bed capacity swells to 54

BY ANNE-GERARD FLYNN
Special to The Republican

Citing an “urgent need” in the community, Holyoke Medical Center will open two new inpatient psychiatric units for adults on Tuesday, June 1, at a cost of \$7.3 million.

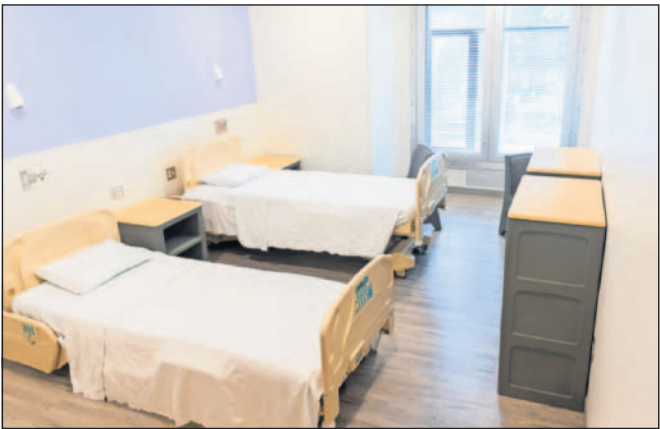
It will increase the hospital’s inpatient psychiatric beds from 20 to 54, and help address an ongoing regional bed shortage that has caused delays in emergency rooms for patients awaiting them, according to Carl Cameron, chief operating officer for the hospital, which is part of Valley Health Systems. The project includes an 18-bed geriatric unit for ages 65 and older, and a 16-bed adult unit for those 16 through 64 years old.

“The expansion of HMC’s psychiatric bed capacity continues to be an urgent need,” Cameron said. “The occupancy on our existing adult unit has been near 100% for over a year. Since July of last year our psychiatric boarders in our Emergency Department have significantly increased and this continues even as the pandemic let up in our community.”

A sharp increase in mental health needs has been associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. An already acute regional shortage of inpatient psychiatric services was made worse by the closure last June of the adult, geriatric and pediatric psychiatric units at the former 74-bed Providence Behavioral Health Hospital.

New owners of that hospital, renamed MiraVista Behavioral Health Center, recently reopened 36 inpatient psychiatric beds there for those 18 years of age and older. Baystate Health, which plans within the next two years to open a \$55-million, 150-bed psychiatric hospital for both children and adults with Kindred Health Services, temporarily opened a 12-bed child-and-adolescent behavioral health inpatient unit for those five to 17 years of age at the end of April.

The closure of Providence’s inpatient psychiatric services



Double-bed patient room on the first floor of the new psychiatric ward at Holyoke Medical Center. Holyoke Medical Center will open two new inpatient psychiatric units for adults on Tuesday at a cost of \$7.3 million. For more photos, visit [MassLive.com](#). (HOANG ‘LEON’ NGUYEN / THE REPUBLICAN)

shuttered the only such pediatric services for children in Western Massachusetts, and left Baystate Wing, in Palmer, with the only area facility with dedicated inpatient psychiatric beds — some 15 out of 28 — for geriatric patients.

Holyoke Medical’s new geriatric unit is designed to address the multiple needs of such patients, an issue that was highlighted by the recent closure of Farren Care Center in Franklin County that had long delivered care to those diagnosed with both medical and psychiatric conditions, Cameron said.

“The geriatric unit will have a specialized focus on the unique behavioral health needs of elderly patients, age 65 years or older,” Cameron said. “This inpatient geriatric psychiatric program will also be responsive to the accompanying common medical issues often associated with aging, while also providing a therapeutic environment sensitive to the physical limitations of the frail elderly.”

He added that the adult psychiatric beds will provide treatment for the “acute but often severe psychiatric needs of adult patients age 16 to 64, many of whom are likely to have secondary issues related to drugs and alcohol.”

The 16 adult psychiatric beds are located on the hospital’s third floor in what was the former Birthing Center, and that 12,000 square feet was renovated to the first floor to accommodate the 18-bed geriatric unit.

Holyoke Medical Center has hired approximately 70 new staff members for the added services and continues to hire

for the new units, Cameron said. Those hires include physicians, advanced practiced registered nurses, social workers as well as social workers, certified nursing assistants, and occupational therapists among others.

The fiscal 2021 state budget signed by Gov. Charlie Baker in December included \$10 million to fund creation of inpatient mental health acute care beds, with priority given to beds for children and adolescents in underserved areas of the state. Payments upon completion could be up to \$150,000 per new bed, particularly if finished early this year.

Depending on state licensing and staffing, MiraVista hopes to add an additional 10 beds to the existing 74 at the facility and eventually open a 12-bed pediatric unit along with the rest of the beds.

Baystate Health also has a 28-bed psychiatric unit for adults on its Springfield campus in addition to the temporary 12-bed pediatric psychiatric unit; a 20-bed unit at Baystate Noble in Westfield; and 22-bed unit at Baystate Franklin in Greenfield. Some of these will be consolidated when its new hospital opens.

NORTHAMPTON

Removal of Floyd image at City Hall disputed

BY JACKSON COTE
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The removal of an image of George Floyd pasted on the front doors of Northampton City Hall on the one-year anniversary of the man’s murder Tuesday has drawn a mix of responses.

While activists argued the image shouldn’t have been taken less than 24 hours after it was put up and was a disrespectful move on the part of the city, the Northampton mayor on the other end noted prior approval wasn’t given for the picture to be erected and there’s an extensive policy for creating art on public buildings.

“Northampton has a lot of public art that we commission,” Mayor David Narkewicz told MassLive. “We just did a public art project the other weekend, where people were painting on the utility boxes around the city, but there’s a process to go through with the Northampton Arts Council, where artists need to get a permit. They can’t just install public art or murals on city buildings without permission.”

Northampton Abolition Now (NAN), an area activist group seeking a 50% decrease in the budget of the city’s police department, put up the image of Floyd on the front double doors of the building following a memorial and stand the organization held Tuesday in honor of the 46-year-old Minneapolis man and other victims of police violence.

“This memorial was made with love and was created with the intention to remind city leaders of their commitments to make Black Lives Matter in Northampton, and why we need bold action to divest from policing and invest in a vision of care and safety that works for everyone,” the organization said.

Following the memori-

al — which was at one point interrupted by a heckler, fight and police response — several people who attended the event lingered to share their opinions during a Northampton City Council public hearing about Narkewicz’s proposed fiscal 2022 budget.

Members of NAN and others in the community have expressed opposition to the mayor’s proposal to raise the Northampton Police Department’s budget by 3% and only fund a new Department of Community Care by \$423,955.

Both NAN and the Northampton Policing Review Commission (NPRC), the resident-led group formed by the city in the wake of Floyd’s murder and tasked with making an array of recommendations for how to improve law enforcement in the community, called for the new agency to be funded by at least roughly \$883,000. The amount represents how much the Police Department’s initially proposed fiscal 2021 budget was cut by last summer.

If created, the community care department would be composed of clinically train peer responders, who could assist at the scenes of mental health emergencies without carrying firearms and shift certain emergency responsibilities away from police.

At the City Council’s meeting last Thursday, several councilors expressed support for the mayor’s proposed fiscal 2022 budget, while many other residents shared their disapproval.

“The mayor and some members of the City Council seem too eager to forget their commitments and the daily harm that police inflict on marginalized people,” NAN wrote in a statement. “It is crucial that the mayor and city councilors put words into action and affirm that Black Lives Matter in

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ADDISON, JR., Eddie

A funeral home service will be held on Saturday, May 29th at 11:00 AM at the Byron Keenan FH, 1858 Allen Street in Springfield. Burial will be private.

COLEMAN, Richard T.

Calling hours Sat., May 29 at 10 AM at Our Lady of the Cross Church on Holy Cross Avenue in Holyoke, followed by a Funeral Mass at 11 AM at the church. Burial will be Sat., June 5 in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Arlington, MA.

DENSON, SR., Deacon Henry

Services will be 5/29. Calling hrs at 10am. Services at 12pm at Deliverance Central Ministries, Springfield.

JONES, John Allen

Visiting Hours: Saturday, May 29, from 8-8:45AM at Sampson's Chapel of the Acres. A Funeral Home Service will follow beginning at 8:45AM. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery

JONES, Odessa

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PEPIN, Theresa

Visitation Sat, May 29th 8:30-10:15am at Brunelle Funeral Home, Mass 11am at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Chicopee. Burial in the St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Montgomery St., Chicopee

RZEPKA ALLEN, Alicja

Calling hours are Saturday from 8:30-10:15AM at Kozkowski Funeral Home, followed by a Mass 10:30AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica. Burial in Mater Dolorosa Cemetery.

STRYCHARZ, Lawrence A

Calling hours, Friday 4-7 PM. at Firtion-Adams Funeral Service, Funeral, Saturday at 10:00 in St. Peter's/St. Casimir's Parish, 34 State St. Westfield, MA. Burial, Pine Hill Cemetery.

WILLIAMS, Robert E.

Funeral service at Farrell Funeral Home in Holyoke on Tues., June 1 at 11 am. Burial to follow in Forestdale Cemetery. Calling hours will be held prior to the service from 9 to 11 am.

ZACH, Thomas B.

Tom's funeral will be held on Wednesday June 2, 2021 beginning at 9 AM at the Boucher-O'Brien Funeral Home, 7 Pleasant St., Easthampton with a Liturgy of Christian Burial in Our Lady of the Valley Parish at 10 AM. A burial will follow in St Stanislaus Cemetery. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, June 1 from 4-6 PM at the funeral home.

Sharyn (Soffan) Monette Schofner

1949 - 2021



SPRINGFIELD

To know her is to love her, as she was a legend of her own time, Sharyn Elizabeth (Soffan) Monette Schofner will be remembered as a fun-loving, quick witted woman, that spoke her mind and her sense of humor made those around her instantly giggle. It was guaranteed that if there was music playing, Sharyn would be singing, enjoying the people she was with and the nature that surrounded her. She appreciated the little things especially the outdoors, candles, gardening, flowers, and animals. She was creative with her stained glass, latch hook, ceramics, sewing and her various other talents. She loved meeting numerous customers over the years, spending time in her amazing gardens, and at Christmas having the tree decorated and filled with so many memories. The thing that brought Sharyn the greatest joy was her family, seeing them grow and start their own families. She has left a legacy that will cherish her forever.

Sharyn passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 surrounded by her loving family. She was a life-long resident of Springfield where she graduated from the High School of Commerce and American International College. She was the daughter of Edward and Gloria (Johnson) Soffan. She was married to Gerald Monette and later Frederick Schofner, with whom she had four children. Over the years, Sharyn worked for Business Education Institute, Springfield Union News, and then Cathedral High School.

Sharyn is survived by her four caring children: Jennifer White and her husband Michael of East Longmeadow, Lesley Colby and her husband Nathan of Springfield, Christopher Schofner and his fiancé Lucy of Somers, Amanda Schofner and her fiancé Timothy of Suffield; six adored grandchildren who were the light of her life: Haley and Ryleigh White, Carissa, Leanne, and Kayla Colby, and her highly anticipated grandson who is expected in July, Mason Patrick O'Brien; nieces and nephews, and extended family. Besides her parents, Sharyn is predeceased by her brother David Soffan.

To celebrate Sharyn's life, visiting hours are Tuesday, June 1, 2021 from 4:00-7:00pm, with a ceremony at 7:00pm at Forastiere Smith Funeral & Cremation on 220 N. Main Street in East Longmeadow. To leave a message to the family, please visit www.forastiere.com.



Gene A. Parker

1937 - 2021



EAST LONGMEADOW

Gene Alan Parker, 84, died peacefully on Friday, April 30, 2021, at Baystate Medical Center. Born in Springfield to the late George and Marion (Skinner) Parker, he served proudly in the US Marine Corps and the US Navy Reserves. Gene worked as a Warehouse Manager at Halmar Distributors for over 30 years until his retirement.

Gene loved going on vacation to the beach and traveling with his wife and family. He enjoyed reading, gardening, bird watching and the lottery. He enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Gene will be deeply missed by his beloved wife of 61 years, Judy (Johnson) Parker, his children Tracey Martineau (Gary), Lee Ann Gaston (Dennis), Keith Parker (Patti), Melynda Peloquin (Jon) and Kyle Parker (Monique), as well as his grandchildren Jessica, Megan, Ian, Ty, Jarod, Sam, Devin, Rebecca, Jack, Kacy, Brett, Adam, Mike, Brett, Kate, Jason & Jennifer as well as his 15 great grandchildren.

Gene's Celebration of Life Service will be held on

Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 1:00 pm at Wilbraham Funeral Home, 2551 Boston Rd., Wilbraham. Visitation will precede the Service from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. His Committal Service with Military Honors will be held on Monday, June 7 at 9:00 am at MA Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main St. Agawam. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.



Linda Marie LaBranche

2021



PUNTA GORDA, FL

Linda Marie LaBranche of Punta Gorda, Fla., died May 24, 2021 at the age of 71 years. Linda was born in Springfield, Ma. and resided in West Springfield, Ma. until she retired in 2008 from Fran Johnson's Golf and Tennis. Linda enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, but the beach was her happy place. She touched the hearts of her family and friends. She had a contagious giggle. She leaves her devoted husband and best friend Paul LaBranche of Punta Gorda, Florida, her two daughters Alicia Guenette, her husband Joseph, and Amy Hughes, her husband Alan. She leaves her mother Flora Creran of Sun City Florida and her sister Sandra King and her spouse James; as well as Gary LaBranche and his wife Patricia, and Lucienne Sexton her sister-in-law. Her grandchildren always held a special place in her heart and brought her immense joy, Ashley, Kyle, Emily, Tyler, Zachary, Nathan and Alyssa. She also leaves four great grandsons: Gavin, Nicholas, Ryker and Anthony. She leaves several much-loved nieces and nephews as well as extended family.

Ronald J. Boutin

1964 - 2021



CHICOPEE

Ronald J Boutin, 57, passed away peacefully at home with his wife and sister by his side, May 22, 2021. He was born in Chicopee, MA April 26, 1964. He is survived by his loving wife, Marie. His father Joseph (Lisa) and mother Virginia (Brian). His siblings Mark (Kim), Lisa (Brian), Bethanne (Phillip). His children Ron Jr (Heather), Jennifer (Tim), stepchildren Wade, Eric, Elaine (Kyle & Vader). 7 grandchildren and 1 step grandson, many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and many, many friends. Ron loved training dogs, camping, boating, four wheeling and especially fishing. Ron could catch fish no matter what location he was at. He had an amazing sense of humor, making wise cracks up to his final passage. He will be held in countless hearts with countless memories. Celebration of Life will be held in Brunswick, OH and in Chicopee, MA at the family's convenience.

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of

Lucille M. Lapierre-Harris
On her 1st Anniversary
5/29/20

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Thomas B. Zach

1934 - 2021



EASTHAMPTON

Thomas B. Zach, 86, passed away at home on May 25, 2021. Born in Northampton on September 20, 1934 he was the son of Boleslaw and Mary (Rutkowski) Zacharzewski. Tom grew up in Northampton and was a graduate of Northampton High School class of 1952. While in high school he started working at Foster Farrar Hardware for his cousin Stanley Zewski, where most notably he delivered merchandise to the former First Lady Grace Coolidge. He continued his studies after high school at AIC College in Springfield. Tom was proud of his 8 years of service in the Air National Guard at Barnes Airforce Base in Westfield.

In 1957 he met and married the love of his life Alice (Nicewicz) Zach, they moved to Easthampton and they shared 45 wonderful years together until her passing in 2002.

He was a dedicated worker, Tom retired after 45 years at the Gravure Engraving Company and attained the role of Engraving Supervisor.

Throughout the years Tom enjoyed watching sports, the Red Sox, Bruins, Celtics and the New England Patriots. In his younger years he loved fishing, especially with his two boys and even more when it was the opening day of fishing season. Tom and Alice were both avid polka fans. They traveled to many a polka events, the White Eagle, Ludlow PACC and many others, where they enjoyed the music, dancing and polish heritage.

Tom will be dearly missed by his two sons; Ronald and wife Michele Zach of Easthampton and Stephen Zach of Easthampton. He was a loving grandfather to Jeffrey Zach, Kristen Hallett and her husband Chad as well as a great-grandfather to Natalie Hallett.

Very loved in his life were his dogs, Fred, Mindy, Tuesday and present companion, Grommet.

Tom's funeral will be held on Wednesday June 2, 2021 beginning at 9 AM at the Boucher-O'Brien Funeral Home, 7 Pleasant St., Easthampton with a Liturgy of Christian Burial in Our Lady of the Valley Parish at 10 AM, a burial will follow in St Stanislaus Cemetery.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, June 1 from 4-6 PM at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Dakin Humane Society Animal Shelter 171 Union St., Spfld., MA 01105

The family would like to thank all the staff of both, the Holyoke Medical Center and the Holyoke VNA and Hospice Life Care for all their excellent care and compassion that was provided to their Dad.

Boucher-O'Brien Funeral Home

David Earl West

1924 - 2021



WILLIAMSBURG

David Earl West, 96 passed away peacefully at Linda Manor surrounded by family on Monday, May 10, 2021. David was born September 20, 1924 at the Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton, and was the son of David P. West and Grace A. (Strong) West. David was raised with his three siblings on Mountain Street in the village of Haydenville. As a boy, he delivered newspapers throughout the village, was a member of the Pro Brush Boy Scout Troop, and attended Sunday School at the Haydenville Congregational Church where he sang in the choir. After graduating from Williamsburg High School, he served in the "Black Panther" 66th Division of the Infantry during World War II. He was selected as a member of the Division Artillery a cappella Chorus and entertained fellow soldiers in England and France.

In 1950, he married Nancy E. Paul, bought land in Williamsburg, and built the home where he and Nancy raised their three daughters and spent 70 wonderful years together. In 1962, Dave opened the West Clothing Center in Florence, a business he owned and operated for over 25 years. He was proud to provide quality products and friendly service and truly enjoyed working with his customers. In 1967, he purchased the three-story building at the corner of North Main and North Maple Streets in Florence that would house his store until 1986. His "Go West" sign became a landmark in the center of Florence. Dave was a proud veteran. He filled a need in the community and became an ex officio social worker for fellow veterans transitioning from veteran's hospital care when he created rooms to rent on the floors above his store. Dave was a very active member and past president of the Florence Civic and Business Association. In 1986, he co-chaired the committee that published the book, "Florence, Massachusetts History 1895-1985."

Dave was a member of the Williamsburg Historical Society and served as president and co-curator of the Grist Mill Farm Museum that he was instrumental in establishing. Dave was passionate about Williamsburg history this included working to preserve the ancient oak tree and installing a marker to commemorate the first settlers of Williamsburg. His most recent endeavor was creating a committee to publish a book of memories solicited from Williamsburg residents to be part of Williamsburg's 250th anniversary celebration.

As an active charter member of the Williamsburg Lions Club, Dave was honored with the Melvin Jones Award for dedicated service to his community. He was a 70 year member of Williamsburg Grange #225. He was an active member of the First Congregational Church of Williamsburg for over 70 years, serving on the Board of Directors

and the Board of Deacons and sharing his rich bass voice as a choir member. As a member of the Williamsburg High School Alumni Association Dave was very active in planning the annual Burgy High Reunions; he was also active in the Burgy High Travel Club.

Dave loved classic cars and was happiest when tootling around Williamsburg and Florence in his 1940 Buick Special Eight. He enjoyed traveling, singing, dancing and visiting with family and friends. He could often be found chatting with people in Florence and Williamsburg, leading his family in a rousing sing-a-long, and writing letters and memoirs. He especially enjoyed vacationing at York Beach, Maine with his family.

Dave was blessed with a large and loving family; he will be remembered as a very loving husband, father, grandfather and uncle. He will be deeply missed by his daughters: Lisa West and her husband Thomas West of Hadley, Pamela Watson of Allen, Texas, and Jeana West of Williamsburg; his grandchildren: Lila West of South Hadley, Diana West of Hadley, Timothy Watson and his wife, Megan of Richmond, Virginia, Grace Stanek of Williamsburg and Alyssa Stanek of Williamsburg; and his extended family: sister-in-law Carol Paul of Florida, Jennifer M. West of Northampton, and Richard T. West and his wife, Diane and their children Tristan, Megan and Stephanie West of Hadley. Dave was predeceased by his brothers and sisters-in-law, Vernon (Connie) and Kenneth (Barbara); his sister and brother-in-law Phyllis (Ed) Webb; his brother-in-law, Andrew Paul, his nieces, Natalie Ponusky and Janna Anderson; and nephews, Neil Webb and Tim West. He leaves his nieces: Nancy (Will) Demarais, Linda West Banks, Kenna (Mike) McMurphy and nephews: Dick (Lucy) West, Larry (Linda) West, the Reverend Thomas (Becky) West and many grand- and great-grand- nieces and nephews.

Dave's family would like to thank Afrike, Samantha, and Adrienne for their loving and compassionate in-home care, the staff of All About You, the staff of Colley Dickinson VNA and Hospice Care for their support throughout his journey, and the staff at Linda Manor for their wonderful care. Memorial donations may be made to the First Congregational Church of Williamsburg or the Highland Ambulance Service.

Calling hours for both David and his wife, Nancy (who passed away February 17) will be held on Friday, June 25, 4-7PM at The First Congregational Church of Williamsburg, 4 N Main St, Williamsburg, MA. Their memorial service for both Dave and Nancy will be held on Saturday, June 26 at 2PM in the church. Williamsburg Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of



Anthony Palazzi

Happy Birthday Tony

We cannot send a birthday card
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To the one we love so much
God Bless you Tony, till we are together again.
Love Mom, Dad, Teresa, Tom, Shannon, Alexa, Andrew, Dylan, Ellie and Dezani

In Loving Memory of



Lawrence E. Landry
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Sixth Anniversary

There are those whose lives death can not diminish
their love radiates forever
in the hearts of loved ones and friends.
*Forever deeply loved,
your wife, Margie Ann*

In Loving Memory of



Michael E. Allen
So loved and deeply missed by wife Cathy and daughter Victoria

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WASHINGTON

Biden’s tax hike rest on Neal’s shoulders

‘Insider’s insider’ has proven he is suited for task

By Christopher Anstey and Laura Davison
Bloomberg

President Joe Biden’s push for the first major federal tax increase since 1993 now rests on the shoulders of Richard Neal.

It’s a career moment that comes full circle for Neal, who chairs the House committee responsible for writing the legislation. He joined the key tax-writing body during the battle for that last wave of increases.

Neal says he learned a key lesson during the 1993 effort: Ensure that the tax increase that you vote for actually gets enacted, or you’re left politically all the more vulnerable, with no result to point to. When he and other House Democrats back then voted for an innovative tax on energy, it ended up dying in the Senate.

“It was this vacuous endeavor,” Neal, 72, recalled in an interview in his office at the U.S. Capitol this month. “We were stuck with a tax-increase vote and no policy achievement.”

The episode serves as background to Neal’s current work figuring out what tax increases he can shepherd through a Democratic caucus that has razor-thin control of the House and Senate. While progressives are determined to boost levies on wealthy Americans and corporations to fund more spending on social programs, moderates, including Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, have expressed concerns.

It’s hard to argue that Neal, a 32-year veteran of the House from Springfield, isn’t suited to the task. Dubbed “an insider’s insider” by New England’s newspaper of record, the Boston Globe, he has spoken with pride about focusing on committee work and staying out of the limelight — quoting fellow Bay Stater John McCormack, the House speaker for most of the 1960s: “You never have to explain anything you didn’t say.”

A moderate, he represents a Massachusetts district that extends from Springfield west to the Berkshires and has faced down progressive challengers in the past two primaries. He cites his work with Manchin on pension issues, but he’s also made allies among progressives. He was the first member of Congress to endorse Sen. Elizabeth Warren, also from Massachusetts, in her run for the party’s presidential nomination.

“I don’t think he has any enemies,” said Barney Frank, who served with Neal in the House’s Massachusetts delegation for more than two decades.



RICHARD NEAL

sellable to the more militant left in the House.” Sinema, an Arizona Democrat, is, like Manchin, a moderate in the 50-50 Senate.

“Richie will know how to do that — he’s got good political judgment, he knows the tax code like the back of his hand and he has credibility with more moderate members,” Frank said.

The process is set to kick into higher gear when the Treasury Department releases the so-called Green Book, a document that will detail the administration’s tax proposals.

Neal already has been making the rounds with colleagues, and his staff have pitched variations on Biden’s tax hikes, which range from a higher top marginal tax on income to a dramatic expansion in the levy on capital gains for America’s rich to a rollback of some of former President Donald Trump’s corporate tax cuts.

Biden has proposed the tax increases to finance some \$4 trillion in longer-term economic programs — including child and earned-income tax credit expansions that Neal’s committee will also oversee.

Those credits are a particular passion for Neal.

“Our economy is premised on the idea that some workers are worthy of ‘perks,’ like paid leave or affordable child care that works for their schedules, while the majority are forced to fend for themselves,” he said in April, when he released his own plan for paid leave, guaranteed access to child care, and permanent worker and family-related refundable tax credits.

Neal worked with Republicans on pandemic-relief bills last year and has teamed up with them on issues including retirement savings and drug pricing initiatives. Kevin Brady of Texas, the lead Republican on House Ways and Means, calls Neal “sincere” and views him as an honest negotiating partner.

But united GOP opposition to higher taxes will make the coming package a Democrat-only affair.

“One of the nice things about the Democratic caucus - I think there’s about 222, 223 of us - 222 of them have already offered their tax plans to me,” Neal quipped. “I’m getting a lot of advice on it, but we have to draft a plan that can get a majority in the House.”

Frank, who led the House Financial Services Committee before he retired, said of the tax increases: “What’s needed is a bill that gets the votes of Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema in the Senate and that’s then

Tax bills, according to the Constitution, must originate in the House, and the Ways and Means Committee is the panel in charge of drafting them. It took 26 years of service on the committee before Neal ascended to chairmanship.

Before that, his long tenure had earned him the leadership of both the House delegation from Massachusetts, known as a commonwealth, and that of the broader New England region.

“It’s a role he takes very seriously,” said Lori Trahan, a Massachusetts representative who first met Neal while working as an aide on Capitol Hill in the 1990s. “He is so key in ensuring that the commonwealth continuously punches above our weight in the House of Representatives,” including through ensuring Massachusetts has representation across key committees, she said.

Neal coached Trahan on securing a seat on the influential Energy and Commerce Committee, and used his influence to help get that result, she said. Representatives from across New England, especially newer office-holders, seek out Neal’s guidance on dealing with obstacles or pushing legislation, Trahan said.

Neal brings guest speakers to delegation gatherings, such as a Federal Reserve official, or a recent sit-down with Charlie Baker, the Republican governor of Massachusetts.

Back before the pandemic, the delegation used to frequent a Washington outpost of the Boston-based Legal Sea Foods to meet less formally. During the lockdowns, he stepped up the meetings — held in virtual form — for members to compare notes on the needs of constituents as Congress enacted unprecedented assistance packages.

The nine-member delegation has been doing the same with regard to infrastructure, a subject to which Neal brings the perspective of a former mayor. In the 1980s, he oversaw the city of Springfield, a period that included the development of Monarch Place, a commercial-and-retail office tower that’s still the tallest building in the state outside of Boston.

A former history teacher, Neal’s often seen carrying a book, and speaks with colleagues about historical challenges the U.S. has faced and pulled out of. It helps bring perspective to know that “we’ve been here before,” Trahan said. “He uses history sort of as a lens to being optimistic: we have work ahead, for sure, but we are going to get through it.”

As for deal-making, Neal said he learned a lesson from the late Edward Kennedy, the longtime Massachusetts senator “We don’t turn down a good deal because you can’t get the perfect deal.”

PHILADELPHIA

Cosby denied parole

By MaryClaire Dale
Associated Press

Actor Bill Cosby won’t be paroled this year after refusing to participate in sex offender pro-



BILL COSBY

grams during his nearly three years in state prison in Pennsylvania. The 83-year-old Cosby has long said he would resist the treatment programs and refuse to acknowledge wrongdoing even if it means serving the full 10-year sentence. This is the first year he was eligible for parole under the three- to 10-year sentence handed down after his 2018 conviction.

Cosby spokesperson Andrew Wyatt called the decision “appalling” and said Cosby “vehemently proclaims his innocence.”

Cosby meanwhile hopes the state Supreme Court, which heard his appeal in December, will reverse his conviction in the first celebrity trial of the #MeToo era. Cosby’s lawyers say the trial was flawed because five other accusers were allowed to testify to support the sexual assault complaint filed by a former Temple University basketball team manager. They also say the judge should not have let the jury hear Cosby’s damaging testimony from accuser Andrea Constand’s related civil suit.

Cosby is serving his sentence at SCI-Phoenix in Montgomery County. The case stems from a 2004 encounter with Constand at his estate near Philadelphia. The two had met at Temple, where Cosby long served on the board of trustees and was a frequent celebrity visitor to campus. The Associated Press does not typically identify sexual assault victims without their permission, which Constand has granted. In the wake of the May 11 decision, which began circulating Thursday, she posted a tweet that said simply, “DENIED.”

WASHINGTON

Biden’s \$6T budget: Social spending, taxes on business

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press

President Joe Biden yesterday unveiled a \$6 trillion budget for next year that’s piled high with new safety net programs for the poor and middle class, but his generosity depends on taxing corporations and the wealthy to keep the nation’s spiking debt from spiraling totally out of control.

Biden has already described, in general terms, major plans on infrastructure and he won a big victory on COVID-19 relief earlier this year. Yesterday’s rollout incorporates those costs into the government’s budget framework, including Social Security and Medicare, providing a fuller view of the administration’s fiscal posture.

The administration sees a \$1.8 trillion deficit next year and steadily accumulating federal debt that has topped \$28 trillion after well over \$5 trillion in already approved COVID-19 relief. As a result, the government must borrow roughly 50 cents of every dollar it spends this year and next.

With the deficit’s growth largely unchecked, Biden would use proposed tax hikes on businesses and high-earning people to power huge new social programs like universal prekindergarten, large subsidies for child care and guaranteed paid leave.

“The best way to grow our economy is not from the top down, but from the bottom up and the middle out,” Biden said in his budget message. “Our prosperity comes from the people who get up every day,



President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden step off Air Force One at Delaware Air National Guard Base in New Castle, Del., yesterday. The Bidens are spending the weekend at their home in Delaware. (PATRICK SEMANSKY / ASSOCIATED PRESS)

work hard, raise their family, pay their taxes, serve their Nation, and volunteer in their communities.”

The budget incorporates the administration’s eight-year, \$2.3 trillion infrastructure proposal and its \$1.8 trillion American Families Plan and adds details on his \$1.5 trillion request for annual operating expenditures for the Pentagon and domestic agencies.

Acting White House budget chief Shalanda Young said the Biden plan “puts these pieces together and does exactly what the president told the country he would do. Grow the economy, create jobs and do so responsibly by requiring the wealthiest Americans and big corporations to pay their fair share.”

Biden’s budget is sure to give Republicans fresh ammunition for their criticisms of the new Democratic administration as bent on a “tax and spend”

agenda that would damage the economy and impose a crushing debt burden on younger Americans. And he’s facing a nettlesome fight with Republicans who say he’s shorting the military.

“It is insanely expensive. It dramatically increases nondefense spending and taxes” and would weaken the Pentagon, said South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham, top Republican on the Budget Committee and a generally pragmatic GOP voice on spending bills. “There will be serious discussions about government funding. But the Biden budget isn’t serious and it won’t be a part of those discussions.”

Veteran GOP Sen. Richard Shelby, whose help is needed to pass annual agency budget bills, blasted Biden’s plan as “a blueprint for the higher taxes, excessive spending” that also “shortchanges our national security.”

WASHINGTON

GOP blocks bipartisan probe of Capitol riot

6 Republicans break ranks to vote in favor

By Mary Clare Jalonick and Lisa Mascaro
Associated Press

Senate Republicans yesterday blocked creation of a bipartisan panel to study the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol in a show of party loyalty to former President Donald Trump, aiming to shift the political focus away from the violent insurrection by his GOP supporters.

Instead, it’s now likely that questions about who should bear responsibility for the attack will continue to be filtered through a partisan lens rather than addressed by an independent panel modeled after the commission that investigated the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

The Senate vote was 54-35 — six short of the 60 needed to take up a House-passed bill that would have formed a 10-member commission evenly split between the two parties. It came a day after emotional appeals from police who fought with the rioters, the family of an officer who died afterward and lawmakers in both parties who fled Capitol chambers as the rioters broke in.

Six Republicans voted with Democrats to move forward. Eleven senators — nine Republicans and two Democrats — missed the vote, an unusually high number of absentees for one of the

highest-profile votes of the year. Some said they had scheduling conflicts.

It was the first successful use of a Senate filibuster in the Biden presidency and revived talk of doing way with the time-honored procedure typically used to kill major legislation. It requires 60 votes to move ahead, rather than a simple majority in the 100-member Senate.

Though the Jan. 6 commission bill passed the House earlier this month with the support of almost three dozen Republicans, most GOP senators said they believe the commission would eventually be used against them politically. And Trump, who still has a firm hold on the party, has called it a “Democrat trap.”

Speaking to his Republican colleagues, Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said after the vote they were “trying to sweep the horrors of that day under the rug” out of loyalty to Trump.

He left open the possibility of another vote in the future on establishing a bipartisan commission, declaring, “The events of Jan. 6 will be investigated.”

Friday’s vote was emblematic of the profound mistrust between the two parties since the siege, especially among Republicans, as some in the party have downplayed the violence and defended the rioters who supported Trump and his false insistence that the election was stolen from him.

MARKETS

DOW	
▲ 64.81	34,529.45
NASDAQ	
▲ 12.46	13,748.74
NYSE	
▲ 23.71	16,555.66
S&P 500	
▲ 3.23	4,204.11

RATES

EXCHANGE AND INTEREST RATES
NEW YORK - Key currency exchange rates yesterday, as compiled by the Associated Press. The numbers represent the price of one unit of each currency, expressed in U.S. dollars.

	EXCH.RATE	PRV. DAY
Pound.....	1.4193	1.4212
Canadian dollar8279	.8288
Euro.....	1.2196	1.2199
Yen.....	.009107	.009108
Mexican peso.....	.050221	.050032
Swiss franc.....	1.1118	1.1148

	METAL	
	PRICE (TROY OZ.)	PRV. DAY
NY HSBC Bank Gold...	\$1903.50.....	\$1878.00
NY Merc Gold.....	\$1902.50.....	\$1876.70
NY Merc Silver.....	\$27.990.....	\$28.473

CRUDE OIL			
New York Mercantile exchange			
	EXP.	SETTLE	CHG.
Light Sweet Crude.....	Jul	\$66.32.....	- .53

MONEY RATES

Prime Rate:	3.25
Discount Rate Primary:	0.75
Fed Funds Target:	0.00-0.25
FNMA 30-yr mtg commitment	
60-days:	2.42

NEW YORK

Stocks cling to modest gains, end week higher

Stocks capped a listless day of trading on Wall Street with modest gains yesterday and the S&P 500's first weekly gain in three weeks.

Gains in technology and health care companies outweighed a slide in communications stocks, retailers and elsewhere in the market. The S&P 500 rose 0.1% and notched a 1.2% gain for the week.

The benchmark index closed out the final day of trading in May with a monthly gain of 0.5%. That's the index's fourth straight monthly increase and follows what a bumpy few weeks in the markets as investors moved past a stellar corporate earnings season and focused on the tug-of-war between the economic recovery and rising inflation.

Wall Street largely shrugged off a report indicating consumer spending increased last month, the latest economic snapshot to show inflation accelerating.

BURLINGTON, VT.

Canadian company aims for Koffee Kup Bakery

A Canadian company is hoping to buy Vermont's Koffee Kup Bakery, which closed abruptly last month

because of financial troubles.

The owners of Mrs. Dunster's Bakery, based in New Brunswick, Canada, announced Thursday that they intend to purchase the assets of the Koffee Kup Bakery in Burlington and its subsidiary, Vermont Bread Co. in Brattleboro, and Superior Bakery in North Grosvenor Dale, Connecticut.

"We are thrilled to announce today that we have formed a new company called North Atlantic Baking Company," Blair Hyslop, who co-owns Mrs. Dunster's with his wife, Rosalyn, said in a written statement. "We have been advised that North Atlantic Baking Company is the preferred purchaser of the Koffee Kup assets and we are focused on moving quickly to conclude negotiations which will lead to restarting operations very soon."

Their plan is to operate the two Vermont bakeries and “enter discussion with third parties with the intent to sell the Superior Bakery in Connecticut,” Hyslop wrote.

Koffee Kup sold products in New England, around New York City, Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania and Maryland.

The closing of the three locations left roughly 500 employees without work. A former employee filed a class-action lawsuit against the company, accusing the owners of not giving employees at least 60 days notice of closure or mass layoffs.

STOCKS

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Apple Inc s	.88	.7	34	124.61	-.67	-6.1	BearingsPt	1.08	7.9	...	13.65	-.01	+14.9	GlaxoSkin	2.89	7.5	13	38.77	+28	+5.4	McCorm s	2.72	3.1	32	89.06	+3.6	-6.8	NewellBr	.92	3.2	20	28.69	+10	+35.1	SmithWess	.05	...	49	21.26	+11	+19.8
AveryD	2.72	1.2	29	220.53	+1.89	+42.2	BerkHbCP	.48	1.7	...	27.75	+13	+61.2	Hassco	2.72	2.58	59	95.97	+0.5	+2.6	McKesson	1.68	.9	...	192.39	-15.0	+10.6	NISource	.98	3.5	67	25.50	-.01	+11.1	StanBldKd	2.80	1.3	22	216.80	+2.42	+21.4
BkofAm	.72	1.7	18	42.39	-.16	+39.9	Danaher	.84	.3	52	256.14	+91	+15.3	IntPap	2.05	3.2	26	63.10	-.69	+26.9	Microsoft	2.24	.9	34	249.68	+3.7	+12.3	PeopUtdf	.73	3.9	14	18.91	+16	+46.2	WstNwEnB	2.0	2.4	14	8.51	+0.8	+23.5
BaringsCp	.96	6.4	...	14.90	-.10	+13.1	EverscrE	2.27	2.8	23	81.19	+0.4	-.61	MGM Rsts	.01	42.87	-.92	+36.9	NatGrif	3.09	4.6	...	66.87	-.22	+13.3	Pfizer	1.56	4.0	20	38.73	+0.8	+5.2	WestRck	.96	1.6	...	58.32	+26	+34.0

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AMC Ent	658078		26.12	-1.5	Eandib	14.70	+2.90	+24.6			US Silica	10.26	-2.12	-17.1	DOW	34631.11	34520.09	34529.45	+64.81	+0.19%	▲	▲	▲	+12.82%	VertexEn	2308322	7.81	+95.7			VertexEn	7.81	+3.82	+95.7		
FordM	1514230	14.53	-2.4	Welbit	24.71	+4.79	+24.0				GameStop	222.00	-32.13	-12.6	DOW Trans.	15764.81	15657.73	15750.31	+44.68	+0.26%	▲	▲	▲	+25.93%	Appl Inc	511681	124.61	-5			SMLEDS	13.82	+4.28	+44.9		
BlackBerry	1169899	10.57	+1.0	Yext	14.47	+2.16	+17.5				X Film rs	5.21	-6.01	-10.3	DOW Util.	900.88	894.97	897.35	+4.43	+0.50%	▼	▼	▼	+3.78%	Tiray	760254	16.67	-29			Mannatech	25.15	+4.65	+22.7		
Palaia n	1115759	22.95	+1.1	vevaSys	291.34	+2.69	+10.1	BIT Fin	7.92	-7.9	-9.1	Dow Stocks	11642.14	11600.35	11620.54	+28.76	+0.25%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+14.96%	AMD	409147	80.08	+21			WrapTC	8.96	+1.34	+17.6		
Nantk n	658078	2.16	-2.0	Hexo	7.18	+6.65	+10.1	HP Inc	7.93	-2.87	-8.9	NVSE Comp	1653.19	1655.66	+23.71	+0.14%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+3.89%	PlugPowr n	10302	3.38	+2.6			Intrepid	6.95	+1.00	+16.8		
Palantir	658078	2.16	-2.0	Palymus n	24.71	+2.9	+12.0	NASDAQ	1382.40	+1.9	+0.1	13747.61	13747.61	13747.61	+12.86	+0.09%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+6.68%	Scotiabank	930737	13.02	+4.6			Scotiabank	13.02	+3.98	+44.9		
Petrolbas	540064	10.21	+6.6	Textainer	33.70	+2.73	+8.8	RenSol	8.15	-6.8	-7.7	S&P 500	4218.35	4203.57	4204.11	+1.23	+0.08%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+11.93%	Ocugen	384746	7.23	+2			MoSys	5.26	+7.0	+15.4		
VirgoGal	537635	31.23	+5	ChOnlEd	10.58	+8.5	+8.7	BIDBar	15.27	-1.24	-7.5	S&P 400	2736.15	2715.18	2727.44	+5.23	+0.06%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+18.24%	AMAirLines	304767	84.24	-8			CronosGP	9.01	+1.19	+15.2		
AT&T Inc	408857	29.43	-9	PenRE pfd	10.38	+1.79	+8.7	NaviM pfd	9.55	-7.6	-7.3	Wilshear 5000	4411.70	43943.27	43966.36	+23.09	+0.05%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+11.43%	Microvisn	281933	15.60	-1.5			DrmFrnds n	31.77	+6.70	+12.4		
Vale SA	390821	21.52	-1	AlphREnt	19.86	+1.44	+7.8	NavM vph	9.60	-7.6	-7.3	Russell 2000	2228.07	2264.92	2268.97	-4.10	-0.18%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+14.89%	FuelCell	248623	9.82	-1			EvrsnPrnt	6.15	+6.8	+12.4		

NASDAQ

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VerteX	2308322	7.81	+95.7	VerteX	7.81	+3.82	+95.7	Provent	7.61	-3.07	-28.7%
Apple Inc s	171181	126.61	-1.9	SMLEDS	13.82	+4.48	+42.9	Eton Ph	7.06	-1.43	-16.6%
Tilley	650254	16.67	-2.9	Manatech	25.15	+4.65	+42.7	Cytoxm	7.16	-10.3	-12.8%
AMD	490491	80.08	+2.1	WrapC	8.96	+1.34	+17.6	MesaAir	9.72	-1.35	-12.2%
Power h	39307	20.70	+2.6	Intrepid	6.95	+1.00	+16.8	UstarHd	148.22	-18.61	-11.2%
Seagull	39307	13.82	+2.9	Seagull	13.82	+2.94	+21.3	Humon n	2.15	-1.05	-21.2%
Ocugen	384746	8.73	+2	CrusoeG	5.26	+7.0	+15.4	ScopusBio n	7.08	-8.5	-10.4%
AirLines	304724	24.24	+2.8	MoSoyS	9.01	+1.19	+15.2	BITDigital	8.45	-98	-10.7%
Microvin	281933	15.60	-1.5	Frndrs n	31.77	+3.30	+13.2	Cyclac pf	3.98	-1.07	-10.9%
UtelCell	248623	9.82	-2	EvrspnT	6.15	+6.8	+12.4	JOYCE Inc	76.95	-8.45	-9.9%

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GARRY BROWN

Remembering Springfield’s Johnny Jones

IT WAS BASKETBALL tournament time, 1952, and Springfield Tech looked ready for the challenge. Coach Bill Lawler’s team had a 16-2 record, and the region’s best rebounder/scorer, a junior named Johnny Jones.

Trouble was, the Western Mass. Tournament field also included Worcester powers St. John’s and South.

Well, Tech certainly was up to that challenge. After breezing to an 18-point victory over Adams in the quarterfinals, the Tigers disposed of both Worcester entries, rallying to beat defending champion St. John’s by five, then knocking off South in the championship game.

They did it with a solid starting five - Jones, Richie Clark and Archie Williams (later a Brown University football star) up front, Joe Glasgow and Irv Hamill in the backcourt.

Tech lost a three-pointer to Rogers of Newport in the New England Tournament at Boston Garden, finishing with an 18-3 record and the school’s first WMass basketball title.

As a senior in 1953, Jones was named starting center on The Sunday Republican’s All-Western Massachusetts team. Then, to top his high school career, he won the John “Honey” Lahovich Award as the region’s best player.

He went on to American International College, where he scored 1,470 points and later earned enshrinement in its athletic Hall of Fame.

Jones played for Bill Callahan in the early years of his 16-season coaching career at AIC. Over Johnny’s three varsity seasons, AIC went 43-23. He had some outstanding teammates, including Dick Kross, Lucien Plante, Duke Dukeshire, Jake O’Donnell, Buzz Connery, Jackie Nehmer and Richie Clark, Johnny’s rebounding partner at Tech.

After graduation, Jones had a long career as an engineer, first at Hamilton Standard, then at American Optical.

John A. Jones, one of Tech’s and AIC’s finest, passed away May 17 at the age of 85. His wife, Odessa (McDermott) Jones, passed away a week later.

PAT AND RYAN: Springfield’s Pat Moriarty, now the head baseball coach at Deerfield Academy, closely followed the progress of the Pope Francis Prep hockey team on its way to the national high school championship.

As coach of junior teams, the Springfield Rifles, Moriarty had several of the Pope Francis players when they were eight and 14 years old.

That included Ryan Leonard, a 16-year-old soph from Amherst who led the Pope Francis offense.

“Ryan is so advanced, so smart, so mature with a sixth sense for the game,” Moriarty said.

Leonard won back-to-back Bessone Awards as the region’s top player. His older brother, John Leonard, just completed his rookie year with the San Jose Sharks of

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NBA PLAYOFFS | CELTICS VS. NETS (GAME 3)

Kemba Walker available to play

BY SOUICHI TERADA
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The Celtics were at relatively near full strength for Game 3 last night against the Nets.

Kemba Walker was upgraded from questionable to available as he was battling left knee medial bone bruise. Jayson Tatum said Thursday he should be ready to go after getting poked in the right eye.

Boston can use all the firepower it can being 2-0 in the first-round series to the Nets. The C’s hung tough in Game 1, but were blown out in Game 2 at Barclays Center. Now, the series shifts to TD Garden, where the Celtics hope to take care of home-court advantage.

Of course, the Celtics are still going up against a superstar trio and a team that features a wealth of talent. Jaylen Brown is out for the season after getting wrist surgery to fix a torn ligament. That thins Boston’s roster that already has a hard time keeping up with the Nets, even at full strength.

CELTICS NEWS

Last night’s Celtics-Nets game finished after deadline. To read about the game and more Celtics news, go to [masslive.com/celtics](https://www.masslive.com/celtics)

Jaylen Brown responds to Kyrie Irving’s comments

Jaylen Brown became the latest Celtic to speak out before Game 3 of the Eastern Conference Quarterfinals last night in response to Kyrie Irving’s eye-opening comments about hoping to avoid ‘subtle racism’ at the TD Garden ahead of his return in front of fans as a member of the Nets. Brown made a statement lasting four minutes to provide his perspective on the topic, his experience in Boston and his response to Irving’s remarks.

Here is his full statement: “I actually have a perspective to share. I saw things floating around with Boston and the topic of racism. People around me urged that I



Brooklyn Nets’ Kyrie Irving warms up before Game 3 of the team’s first-round playoff series against the Boston Celtics last night in Boston.

(ELISE AMENDOLA / ASSOCIATED PRESS)

should share my perspective. I have not talked to anyone - Kyrie, Marcus or Danny Ainge - about my thoughts or my perspective, but I do think it’s

a good conversation. I think that racism should be addressed, and systemic racism should be addressed.

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Boston Red Sox’s J.D. Martinez runs on his two-run double during the third inning of the game against the Miami Marlins last night in Boston.

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MLB | RED SOX VS. MARLINS

Dalbec sits, Santana starting at first

BY CHRIS COTILLO
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BOSTON — Bobby Dalbec was out of the lineup and Danny Santana started at first base for the Red Sox as they opened up a three-game series against the Marlins at Fenway Park last night.

Dalbec is expected to play today and Sunday but manager Alex Cora thought Santana was a better matchup against Marlins rookie right-hander Cody Poteet, who is making his fourth big-league start.

“Bobby’s going to play. Actually he’s playing two out of three games this series, so we’ve just got to play the guys that we have and look for matchups and try to win ballgames. We feel like today’s a good matchup for Danny to play first and hit sixth. Tomorrow, with a lefty, Bobby’s going to play and on Sunday, he’s going to play.”

Alex Verdugo (left field), Kiké Hernández (center) and Hunter Renfroe (right) are starting in the outfield for the Sox with Marwin Gonzalez playing second base.

José Devers, the cousin of Sox third baseman Rafael Devers, is hitting ninth and starting at shortstop for Miami. Sandy Leon, who played for the Red Sox from 2015 to 2019, was a late addition to the lineup as the designated hitter and is hitting eighth.

Devers plays against cousin

This weekend’s series between the Red Sox and Marlins will be special for Sox third baseman Rafael Devers, who will get to play against his cousin, José, for the first



Fans sit in the rain during the third inning of the game between the Boston Red Sox and the Miami Marlins last night in Boston.

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RED SOX NEWS

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time in the majors.

José Devers, a 21-year-old infielder who was traded from the Yankees to the Marlins in the Dec. 2017 deal that sent Giancarlo Stanton to New York, made his big-league debut in April and has appeared in 11 games for Miami since being promoted. In last night’s series opener, José was batting ninth and starting at shortstop for the Marlins while Rafael was hitting fifth and

playing third base for Boston.

“Raffy said he flies, so we’ve got to be ready for that,” said Sox manager Alex Cora. “Hopefully, if he hits a ground ball to third, (Rafael) is the first one to know, he gets rid of the ball and gets him out.”

“He’s very proud of him,” Cora continued. “I remember when he got called up... he stayed up late to watch him. He said that he was so nervous. He saw nine pitches and swung at nine. I told Raffy, ‘Very similar to you, right?’ and he started laughing.”

The two cousins grew up in different cities in the Dominican Republic (Rafael in Santo Domingo and José in Samana) and are three years apart, so they didn’t play against each other growing up.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Agawam defeats Chicopee

Mason Barcomb throws complete game in debut

BY JASON KATES
MassLive

AGAWAM — Behind the varsity debut of pitcher Mason Barcomb, the Agawam baseball team defeated Chicopee, 9-1, last night, avenging a 7-6 loss against the Pacers from earlier in the season.

With his dad, a former Agawam player, in the stands, Barcomb threw a complete game, giving up the lone run on five hits and two walks while striking out five.

Because of the newly-implemented pitch counts this spring and weeks with 2-3 games, Agawam head coach Brian Rheault turned to the sophomore in hopes of providing a quality start for his team.

To his delight, Barcomb delivered, due largely in part to the success of his off-speed pitches.

“(Mason) did a heck of a job, I think we found another arm,” Rheault said. “He spotted everything. When he threw the breaking ball, sometimes they see it, they read it, they get a pretty good swing at it but may not hit it.”

“He’s got something,” Rheault continued, “because they weren’t teeing off on him, they were fooled. It’s legit, he’s got a legitimate break on it.”

After throwing a pair of scoreless innings to start the game, Barcomb was faced with his first bit of adversity in the top of the third when a hit by pitch and walk put runners on first and second base for Chicopee with two outs. The Pacers got on the board with an RBI single for Christian Cruz, but that was all they could get following an Aidan Berube strikeout to end the threat.

While he could’ve let the nerves affect him, Barcomb remained composed on the mound, allowing just three Chicopee runners to advance into scoring position over his last four innings of work

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Celtics

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dressed in the city of Boston, and also the United States.

“However, I do not like the manner it was brought up, centering around a play-off game. The construct of racism, right? It’s used as a crutch or an opportunity to execute a personal gain. I’m not saying that’s the case. But I do think racism is bigger than basketball, and I do think racism is bigger than Game 3 of the playoffs. I want to urge the media to paint that narrative as well. Because when it’s painted in that manner it’s insensitive to people who have to deal with it on a daily basis. The constructs and constraints of systemic racism in our school system, inequality in education, lack of opportunity, lack of housing, lack of affordable housing, lack of affordable health care, tokenism, the list goes on. So I recognize and acknowledge my privilege as an athlete. Once you get to the point where that financial experience overtakes the experiences people deal with on a daily basis, I want to emphasize that as well. So I want to emphasize that as well.

“I understand the frustration right now. I’ve seen what’s going on in sports and in sporting arenas with the two incidents obviously with Russell Westbrook and Trae Young, and I’m pissed, to be honest. I don’t think we should have to put up with



Brooklyn Nets guard James Harden (13) loses control of the ball between Boston Celtics guard Evan Fournier (94) and guard Kemba Walker, rear, during the first quarter of Game 3 of their first-round playoff series last night in Boston.

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that, and I don’t think that’s OK, by any means necessary. But when I look in the media and I see those incidents attached to like a frame of racism, yes I think it’s important to address those situations, but if the topic is racism, I think that those incidents don’t compare, or those belligerent comments don’t compare to what systemic racism is currently doing in our community and has done in the past. So it’s important to frame it in that context.

“I think that not every Celtics fan—I know that every Celtics fan in our arena is not a racist. We have people of all walks of life, ethnicities, colors, that are die-hard Celtics fans. So I think painting every Celtics fan as a racist would be unfair. However, Boston, we’ve got a lot of work to do, no question. Incarceration

rate is ridiculous, the wealth disparity is embarrassing, the inequality in education specifically in Boston public schools needs to be better. There’s a lack of resources there, lack of opportunity. The tokenism here in Boston needs to be addressed as well. But if we’re going to talk about it and that’s what the media is going to bring up, I think a sporting arena, things might exist. But in the real world things exist to far different extremities. So I definitely wanted to share my perspective. This is my opinion, of course, and people can challenge that. I definitely think, Boston, we’ve got a lot of work to do. But, that’s it, really. I’m not really answering any questions, guys, I just wanted to share my perspective. Thank you.”

Agawam

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coming up to varsity from JV, but after the first inning I was like ‘I can do this’ and I just went out there and did my thing,” Barcomb said.

“It happens,” he added, referring to the trouble he ran into. “You just gotta stay calm, continue focusing and just throw strikes. Who cares if you let them hit them, you’ve got a great defense behind you.”

When the schools met for the first time back on May 11, Agawam was held to three runs in six innings before scoring three in the seventh in a comeback effort.

This time around, the Agawam bats came alive to back up Barcomb, scoring two runs each in the second and third innings to build a 4-1 advantage.

In the second frame, the first two batters for Agawam reached base, courtesy of back-to-back walks issued by Berube to Anthony Dillard

and Matt Cleavall. The ensuing plate appearance was an RBI single for Andrew Grasso that scored courtesy runner Nate Jodoin, followed by a successful double steal attempt that allowed Cleavall to cross home plate for a 2-0 Agawam lead.

Hanging on to a one-run cushion in the bottom of the third, Griffen Levesque raced to third base on triple after a fly ball couldn’t be handled by the Pacers outfield, scoring two batters later on an RBI groundout for Laine Paige. The fourth run for the Brownies came via a base hit for Cleavall which scored Jodoin, who came in to run for Dillard again after a single and stolen base put himself in scoring position.

When asked about the difference at the plate on Friday compared to the first meeting between the two programs, Rheault attributed the success to becoming more knowledgeable about the dynamics of his team as the season progresses. “We’re starting to swing it

better, again that was early in the year, so our lineup’s been tweaked a little bit,” he said.

“We haven’t seen guys in two years so you think you see something and then the more you play, the more you see,” Rheault added. “That was game two, and we’ve seen some things since then so our lineup’s tweaked a little bit and I think it’s better, to be honest.”

Agawam padded its lead with three more insurance runs in the fifth inning, two of which came on a bases loaded line drive from Joe Jendrysik that bounced off the glove of a Pacer, allowing Jodoin and Cleavall to score. Jason Forward provided the team’s seventh run with an RBI groundout to shortstop, before the Brownies added two more in their final plate appearance of the evening.

With four more games left in the regular season, Rheault believes his team is starting to put things together at the right time.

“I think we’ve got a decent team, I really do,” he said.

Brown

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the NHL.

Ryan is one of the 24 players nationwide, chosen for USA Hockey’s development program. He will spend the next two seasons playing on Uncle Sam’s U17 and U18 teams, based in Plymouth, Michigan.

Of course, that means his time at Pope Francis is over, but that’s all right with coach Brian Foley.

“We’re proud of what Ryan has accomplished, and it certainly speaks well for our program,” Foley said.

BLUE SOX CLINICS: The Holyoke-based Valley Blue Sox of the New England Collegiate Baseball League will conduct three youth baseball clinics, presented by the Holyoke Medical Group.

Special instruction for youths aged 6 to 13 in hitting, pitching and fielding will be offered by Blue Sox players and coaches. The clinics will be held in Hadley, Wilbraham and at the Blue Sox’ home field, Mackenzie Stadium.

The Hadley clinic will take place at Hadley Elementary School fields June 28-July 1, the Mackenzie Stadium clinic July 5-8, the Wilbraham clinic (at Spec Pond Recreation Area) July 12-15. Each clinic

will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration cost for each clinic is \$120.

Participants will receive two tickets to Blue Sox Clinic Night July 21, and will have the opportunity to take the field with the Blue Sox during pregame ceremonies.

To register for these clinics visit these links: Hadley Clinic (www.bluesoxcamps.com), Wilbraham Clinic (www.wilbrahamrec.com), Mackenzie Stadium Clinic (www.bluesoxcamps.com).

For further information, contact Blue Sox general manager Kate Avard at 413 356-0487.

DEMERS AT WORK: When the Springfield Giants of the Eastern League came to Pynchon Park in 1957, a young athletic trainer from Chicopee, Chuck Demers, joined them. That would be one of many opportunities he would enjoy over an illustrious career.

After pro baseball, he switched to the collegiate level, working as a trainer at UMass, his alma mater. From there, it was on to Deerfield Academy, where he would spend 35 years until his retirement in 1999.

While at Deerfield, Demers had the opportunity to work for Uncle Sam at the Olympic level. He served as a trainer for the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich, and the 1975

Pan American Games in Mexico City. In 1980, he co-ordinated the medical staff at the Winter Games in Lake Placid. In 1984, he was a host trainer at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

He also had summers available for work in NFL training camps of the New York Jets, Philadelphia Eagles and New England Patriots.

For more than 60 years, he had membership in the National Athletic Trainers Association, which enshrined him in its Hall of Fame.

Charles O. Demers, 91, passed away April 29. Donations in his name may be made to a scholarship fund to be awarded to a Frontier Regional High School student/athlete through the South Deerfield Polish American Citizens Club, P.O. Box 154, South Deerfield, MA 01373.

TODAY’S TRIVIA: Which franchise holds the record for NBA playoff appearances? Answer: The Los Angeles Lakers, with 62 (including 11 when the franchise was in Minneapolis). The Boston Celtics are second with 58. They each have won 17 championships.

BEST BET for the weekend: Shaftesbury, in the Pennine Ridge Stakes at Belmont.

Garry Brown can be reached at geebrown1918@gmail.com.

SCOREBOARD

RED SOX	CELTICS	BRUINS	REVOLUTION	STARFIRES	BLUE SOX
vs. Miami 4:10, Today	vs. Brooklyn 7, Tomorrow	vs. Islanders 8, Tonight	vs. Cincinnati 3, Today	vs. New Britain 6:30, Today	vs. Newport 6:35, June 3
vs. Miami 1:10, Tomorrow	at Brooklyn TBD, Tuesday	vs. Islanders TBD	vs. New York 7:30, June 19	at Pittsfield 3, Tomorrow	vs. Mystic 7:05, June 4

MLB					
AMERICAN LEAGUE					
EAST DIVISION					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Tampa Bay	32	20	.615	–	
RED SOX	30	20	.600	1	
New York	29	21	.580	2	
Toronto	25	24	.510	5½	
Baltimore	17	33	.340	14	
CENTRAL DIVISION					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	29	20	.592	–	
Cleveland	27	21	.563	1½	
Kansas City	23	25	.479	5½	
Minnesota	20	29	.408	9	
Detroit	19	31	.380	10½	
WEST DIVISION					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Oakland	30	22	.577	–	
Houston	27	22	.551	1½	
Seattle	24	27	.471	5½	
Los Angeles	22	28	.440	7	
Texas	22	30	.423	8	
NATIONAL LEAGUE					
EAST DIVISION					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	24	20	.545	–	
Philadelphia	25	26	.490	2½	
Atlanta	24	25	.490	2½	
Miami	24	26	.480	3	
Washington	21	25	.457	4	
CENTRAL DIVISION					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	28	22	.560	–	
St. Louis	28	22	.560	–	
Milwaukee	25	25	.500	3	
Cincinnati	22	27	.449	5½	
Pittsburgh	18	31	.367	9½	
WEST DIVISION					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
San Diego	32	19	.627	–	
Los Angeles	31	19	.620	½	
San Francisco	30	20	.600	1½	
Colorado	19	32	.373	13	
Arizona	18	33	.353	14	

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Thursday's Games	
Cleveland 5, Detroit 2	
Tampa Bay 7, Kansas City 2	
Toronto 2, N.Y. Yankees 0, 7 innings, 1st game	
N.Y. Yankees 5, Toronto 3, 7 innings, 2nd game	
Chicago White Sox 5, Baltimore 1	
Oakland 5, L.A. Angels 0	
Seattle 5, Texas 0	
Friday's Games	
Miami at RED SOX, n	
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, n	
Toronto at Cleveland, n	
Baltimore at Chicago White Sox, n	
Kansas City at Minnesota, n	
San Diego at Houston, n	
L.A. Angels at Oakland, n	
Texas at Seattle, n	
Saturday's Games	
Philadelphia (Wheeler 4-2) at Tampa Bay (Yar-brough 2-3), 1:10 p.m.	
Baltimore (Means 4-0) at Chicago White Sox (Lynn 5-1), 2:10 p.m.	
Kansas City (TBD) at Minnesota (Happ 2-2), 2:10 p.m.	
L.A. Angels (Cobb 2-2) at Oakland (Montas 5-4), 4:07 p.m.	
Miami (Rogers 6-2) at RED SOX (Eovaldi 5-2), 4:10 p.m.	
N.Y. Yankees (Garcia 0-1) at Detroit (Turnbull 3-2), 4:10 p.m.	
San Diego (Darvish 5-1) at Houston (Odorizzi 0-2), 4:10 p.m.	
Toronto (Stripling 0-3) at Cleveland (Hentges 1-1), 4:10 p.m.	
Texas (Foltynewicz 1-4) at Seattle (Dunn 1-2), 10:10 p.m.	

Sunday's Games	
Miami at RED SOX, 1:10 p.m.	
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, 1:10 p.m.	
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1:10 p.m.	
Toronto at Cleveland, 1:10 p.m.	
Baltimore at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.	
Kansas City at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.	
San Diego at Houston, 2:10 p.m.	
L.A. Angels at Oakland, 4:07 p.m.	
Texas at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.	
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Thursday's Games	
N.Y. Mets 1, Colorado 0, 7 innings, 1st game	
Philadelphia 3, Miami 2	
Chicago Cubs 5, Pittsburgh 3	
Milwaukee 6, San Diego 5, 10 innings	
N.Y. Mets 4, Colorado 2, 7 innings, 2nd game	
Washington 5, Cincinnati 3, 1st game	
Cincinnati 3, Washington 0, 7 innings, 2nd game	
L.A. Dodgers 4, San Francisco 3	
St. Louis 5, Arizona 4, 10 innings	
Friday's Games	
Chicago Cubs 1, Cincinnati 0	
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, p.p.d.	
St. Louis at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.	
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.	
Colorado at Pittsburgh, p.p.d.	
Milwaukee at Washington, p.p.d.	

Saturday's Games	
Colorado (Gray 4-4) at Pittsburgh (Keller 2-6), 12:05 p.m., 1st game	
Philadelphia (Wheeler 4-2) at Tampa Bay (Yar-brough 2-3), 1:10 p.m.	
Milwaukee (TBD) at Washington (TBD), 2:05 p.m., 1st game	
Cincinnati (Castillo 1-7) at Chicago Cubs (Davies 2-2), 2:20 p.m.	
Colorado (Gomber 3-4) at Pittsburgh (Brubaker 3-4), 4:05 p.m., 2nd game	
Atlanta (Fried 2-2) at N.Y. Mets (Peterson 1-4), 7:15 p.m.	
Milwaukee (Peralta 4-1) at Washington (Corbin 3-3), 7:15 p.m., 2nd game	
San Francisco (Webb 3-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Urias 7-1), 7:15 p.m.	
St. Louis (Wainwright 2-4) at Arizona (TBD), 10:10 p.m.	
Sunday's Games	
Colorado at Pittsburgh, 1:05 p.m.	
Milwaukee at Washington, 1:05 p.m.	
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1:10 p.m.	
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.	
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10 p.m.	
St. Louis at Arizona, 4:10 p.m.	
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 7:08 p.m.	

TRANSACTIONS	
BASEBALL	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
HOUSTON ASTROS – Activated INF Abraham Toro from the minor league IL and assigned to Sugar Land (Triple-A West).	
KANSAS CITY ROYALS – Activated 3B Hunter Dozier from the 10-day IL. Optioned 1B Ryan O’Hearn to Omaha (Triple-A East). Recalled RHP Carlos Hernandez from Omaha. Placed RHP Josh Staumont on the 10-day IL, retroactive to May 27.	
NEW YORK YANKEES – Activated OF Giancarlo Stanton from the 10-day IL. Optioned RHP Nick Nelson and CF Estevan Florial to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (Triple-A East).	
TORONTO BLUE JAYS – Optioned RHP Jeremy Beasley to Buffalo (Triple-A East).	
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
ATLANTA BRAVES – Placed LF Marcell Ozuna on the 10-day IL, retroactive to May 26. Recalled 1B Johan Camargo from Gwinnett (Triple-A East).	
CINCINNATI REDS – Optioned RHPs Art Warren and Ashton Goudeau to Louisville (Triple-A East). Recalled RHP Vladimir Gutierrez from Louisville.	
COLORADO ROCKIES – Optioned LHP Lucas Gilbreath to Albuquerque (Triple-A West).	
MIAMI MARLINS – Optioned 1B Lewin Diaz to Jacksonville (Triple-A East). Selected the contract of SS Luis Marte from Jacksonville. Placed SS Miguel Rojas on the 10-day IL. Activated CF Starling Marte from the 10-day IL.	
MILWAUKEE BREWERS – Sent RHP Josh Lindblom outright to Nashville (Triple-A East).	
NEW YORK METS – Optioned LHP Thomas Szapucki to Syracuse (Triple-A East).	
WASHINGTON NATIONALS – Optioned RHP Kyle McGowin to Rochester (Triple-A East).	
FOOTBALL	
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE	
BUFFALO BILLS – Signed LS Reid Ferguson to a three-year contract extension.	

ON THE AIR

AUTO RACING

10 a.m.: NASCAR Xfinity Series: Qualifying, Charlotte Motor Speedway .. TV-FS1

1 p.m.: NASCAR Xfinity Series: Alcoso Uniforms 300TV-FS1

6 p.m.: Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship: National 1TV-NBCSN

7 p.m.: ARCA Menards Series: General Tire 150TV-FS1

COLLEGE BASEBALL

12 p.m.: Big South Tournament: TBD, ChampionshipTV-ESPNU

1 p.m.: Atlantic Coast Tournament: TBD, SemifinalTV-ACCN

4 p.m.: Southeastern Tournament: TBD, SemifinalTV-SECN

4:30 p.m.: Southeastern Tournament: TBD, SemifinalTV-SECN

5 p.m.: Atlantic Coast Tournament: TBD, SemifinalTV-ACCN

COLLEGE LACROSSE (MEN’S)

12 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Virginia vs. North Carolina, SemifinalTV-ESPN2

2:30 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Maryland vs. Duke, Semifinal ..TV-ESPN2

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

12 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Florida vs. GeorgiaTV-ESPN

2 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Alabama vs. KentuckyTV-ESPN

3 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Oklahoma vs. WashingtonTV-ABC

4 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Oklahoma St. vs. TexasTV-ESPN

5 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Arkansas vs. ArizonaTV-ESPN2

7 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Florida St. at LSU, Game 3 (If Necessary)TV-ESPN2

7 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Missouri vs. James MadisonTV-ESPNU

9:30 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Virginia Tech at UCLA, Game 3 (If Necessary)TV-ESPN2

GOLF

7:30 a.m.: EPGA: Made in Denmark, Third RoundTV-GOLF

2 p.m.: PGA: Charles Schwab Challenge, Third RoundTV-GOLF

3 p.m.: PGA Champions: Senior PGA Championship, 3rd RoundTV-NBC

5:30 p.m.: PGA: Charles Schwab Challenge, Third RoundTV-CBS

5:30 p.m.: LPGA: Bank of Hope Founders Cup, QuarterfinalsTV-GOLF

IIHF HOCKEY

5 a.m.: World Championship: Great Britain v. Czech RepublicTV-NHLN

9 a.m.: World Championship: U.S. vs. NorwayTV-NHLN

1 p.m.: World Championship: Finland vs. GermanyTV-NHLN

MLB

1 p.m.: Philadelphia at Tampa BayTV-MLBN

4 p.m.: San Diego at Houston OR NY Yankees at DetroitTV-MLBN

4:10 p.m.: Miami at RED SOXTV-NESN

7 p.m.: Milwaukee at Washington OR San Francisco at LA Dodgers OR Atlanta at NY MetsTV-FOX

10 p.m.: St. Louis at Arizona OR Texas at SeattleTV-MLBN

NBA

1:30 p.m.: Milwaukee at Miami, First Round, Game 4TV-TNT

4 p.m.: Denver at Portland, First Round, Game 4TV-TNT

7:10 p.m.: Philadelphia at Washington, First Round, Game 3TV-ESPN

9:30 p.m.: Utah at Memphis, First Round, Game 3TV-ESPN

NHL

7:30 p.m.: Playoffs: Toronto at Montréal, First Round, Game 6 TV-NBCSN

8 p.m.: Playoffs: NY Islanders at BRUINS, East Division Final, Game 1TV-NBC

SOCCER (MEN’S)

3 p.m.: UEFA Champions League: Chelsea vs. Manchester City, FinalTV-CBS

SOCCER (WOMEN’S)

7:30 p.m.: NWSL: Chicago at HoustonTV-CBSN

TENNIS

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DAMP AND COOL HOLIDAY WEEKEND

It's a damp start to the holiday weekend but the rain we are seeing will taper off to a shower or two this afternoon. We will still hang onto a lot of clouds and it will become rather breezy. Highs this afternoon will only top out in the upper 40s and lower 50s, a good 20 degrees below normal for this time of yer. Skies remain mostly cloudy tonight and it remains breezy with lows in the low 40s. Sunday starts off dry but rain will once again move in during the afternoon and continue into Sunday night with highs in the mid- to upper 50s. Rain ends by early afternoon on Memorial Day.

SKYWATCH

The moon rises in the southeast after midnight tonight with Saturn to its left. Brighter Jupiter is a bit more than twice as far that way. All ascend and slide southward until growing daylight overwhelms them.

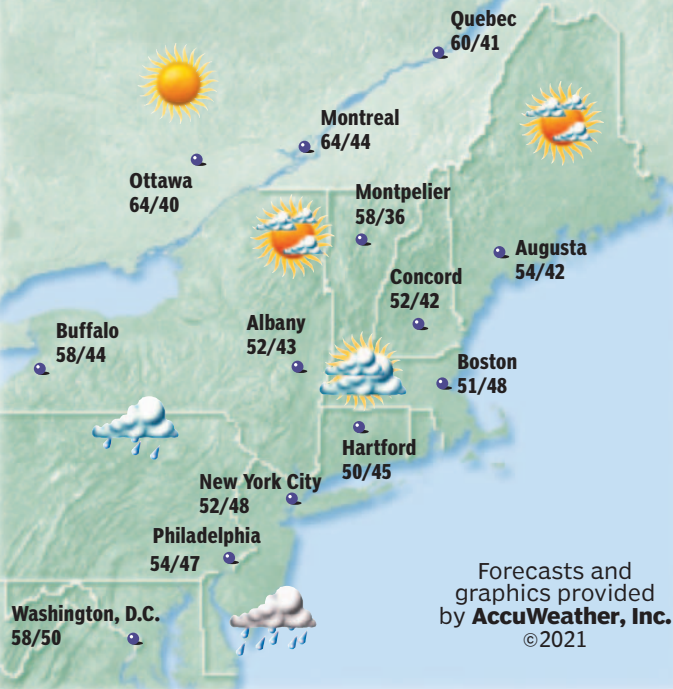
- Patrick Rowan

THE WEATHER FORECAST

TODAY	TONIGHT	TOMORROW	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
High 52 Low 45 A.M. rain, breezy, chilly	High 52 Low 45 Mostly cloudy and chilly	High 59 Low 46 Cool with p.m. rain	High 70 Low 50 A.M. showers, mild	High 76 Low 52 Partly sunny, warmer	High 78 Low 57 Sun and clouds, warm

REGIONAL WEATHER MAP

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



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SUN & MOON

Sunrise/set	5:19 a.m./8:18 p.m.
Moonrise/set	none/8:13 a.m.
Length of day	14:59
Day of year	149

MOON PHASES

Last quarter June 2	New moon June 10	First quarter June 17	Full moon June 24

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ALMANAC

At The Republican weather station ending at 5 p.m. yesterday.

TEMPERATURE

Yesterday's high	60 at 1:00 p.m.
Yesterday's low	47 at 5:30 a.m.
Normal high	74
Normal low	53
Record high	94 in 2016
Record low	32 in 1994

Normal, record temperatures and rainfall recorded at Westover Air Reserve Base

ATMOSPHERE & WIND

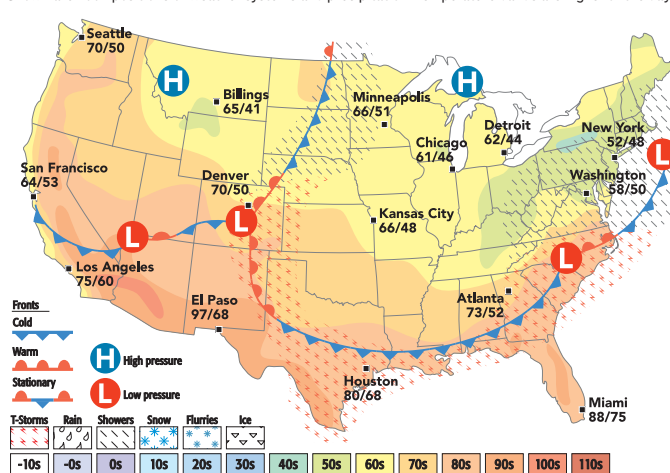
Yesterday's high humidity	65%
Low humidity	29%
High barometric pressure	30.16 in.
Low barometric pressure	30.06 in.
Peak wind	13 mph at 9:00 a.m.
Pollen Count	
Grass	High
Trees	High
Weeds	Low
Mold	N.A.
Air Quality	
Yesterday	Good
Today	Good
Air Quality Source: MassDEP	

PRECIPITATION

Rain yesterday	Trace
Month total	2.64 inches
Year total	14.09 inches

NATIONAL WEATHER MAP TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Sun.
Albuquerque	88/60/pc	86/59/pc
Atlanta	88/60/pc	86/59/pc
Baltimore	56/47/r	56/47/r
Burlington	64/42/pc	64/50/r
Charlotte, SC	86/63/t	80/58/c
Charlotte	82/55/t	71/50/c
Dallas	78/67/c	79/67/c
Des Moines	65/46/pc	66/51/c
Fairbanks	56/45/pc	69/46/pc
Honolulu	85/71/pc	86/72/pc
Las Vegas	95/73/s	97/75/s
Los Angeles	75/60/pc	76/61/pc
Miami	88/75/pc	88/76/t

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Sun.
Athens	79/63/pc	79/64/pc
Baghdad	110/76/pc	109/78/pc
Beijing	79/58/s	79/55/pc
Berlin	65/43/pc	67/43/pc
Dublin	61/48/pc	66/48/pc
Jerusalem	76/62/s	79/68/s
Johannesburg	67/43/s	64/43/pc
Kabul	86/63/pc	91/65/s
Lima	66/63/pc	66/62/pc
Lisbon	79/58/s	84/60/pc
London	69/48/pc	69/49/s
Madrid	87/62/pc	90/62/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, r-rain, t-thunderstorms, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

Floyd

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Northampton by investing in community care and divesting from policing.”

NAN asserted Narkewicz's proposed fiscal 2022 budget doesn't

“change the violent, racist system of policing in Northampton.” The organization added it was disheartened the city took down the image of Floyd and see it removal “as a reflection of the misguided priorities of Mayor Narkewicz.”

“It was our understanding that these doors to City Hall were not

in regular use and posed no accessibility issues to anyone trying to enter the building,” NAN said. “Additionally, it would have been easy to open the doors while keeping the mural intact.”

Although the activist group claimed the image would have “posed no accessibility issues,”

Narkewicz argued the picture was stuck to the doors and the window above the entrance using wheat paste, a gel adhesive, and blocked visibility of the outside steps from the inside of City Hall.

The doors swing outward too, so if there are people sitting outside the building, they would

be hit, the mayor added.

Removing the picture was tough as well, according to Narkewicz. Building maintenance staff, who worked in the morning to take down the image, had to get an outside contractor, who had a special steam remover, to loosen the paste and get it

off the glass, the mayor said.

Staff from the Northampton Central Services Department had to remove not only the image of Floyd, but also graffiti spray-painted on the walls of City Hall and the sidewalk outside during the fight that broke out Tuesday amid the memorial.

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BEST LOCAL Classifieds

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Tag Sales

Chic - 39 Leona Ave. 8 - 5
MOVING SALE! Plenty of items! furn. tools, kit-ware, electronics & ciths

Tag Sales

Bargains Galore

EAST LONGMEADOW - 200 Gates Ave. Sat. 5/29, 9-3. M&M Collec., Sleep Number mattress, hshlds., small appl., furn., books, priced to sell!

GRANBY - All town tag and craft sale.
Granby Commons (Rt. 202) Sat. May 29, 8am-3pm.

Indian Orchard, 1388 Berkshire Ave., Sat. 5/29, Sun. 5/30 and Mon. 5/31. Sam. Hshld items, furn., etc.

Longmeadow - 145 Tanglewood Dr., Sat. 5/29, 9am-4pm. Cleanup on 5/31. New, used & antique. Hshld. jewelry, electronics, apparel & more!

Ludlow 197 Miller St. 8-2 Fri. Sat. - furn antiques, camp/backpacking gear, vintage items, china ...

SOUTH HADLEY 1 RITA CIR. SAT 5/29, SUN 5/30 & MON 5/31. Giant tag sale, something for everyone.

SPRINGFIELD - 1164 Parker St. Business liquidation. Fri. - Sun. 5/28 - 5/30, 9am-4pm. Cleanup on 5/31. New, used & antique. Hshld. jewelry, electronics, apparel & more!

Springfield - 162 East Allen Ridge Rd. Sat., 5/29, 9-3. Mahog. BR set, furn. hshld items and more!

Springfield estate sale, 140 Magnolia Terr. May 28, 29 & 30th. 9-4. Clean, furn. and much more.

WILBRAHAM Estate SALE

745 Monson Road Sat May 29 8a - 4p parking on Eden De Many livingrm sofas, chairs, Bedrm chairs, farmhouse tbl/chairs, Hitchcock chairs, desks, large country cabinets, spa equip., massage table, vintage tables, Royal Doulton china, Belleek Wade, outdoor patio furn., books, kit., hshld, David White train, air compressor, still chain-saw, generator, power washer, weed wacker, Craftsman tractor spreader, metal shelving (Wanda) Masks required

Animals

Birds
Cats
Dogs
Exotic Animals
Feed
Fish
Horses
Livestock
Pet Services
Pet Shows
Pet Supplies
Pets - Lost & Found
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ACROSS

1 Sicilian spouter

5 ABC rival

8 Peak

12 "Excuse me!"

13 Portion of a circle

14 ER picture (hyph.)

15 Tiber city

16 Soak through

18 After-bath wear

20 Prefix meaning "recent"

21 Led to the altar

22 1920s style (2 wds.)

25 Cobra cousin

28 Czar name

29 Rock star, say

33 Steeds

35 Centuri-on's moon

36 Taft's state

37 Even chance

39 Guru's practice

40 Scoop out water

42 Cookbook amt.

43 Pony, often

46 Title of respect in India

49 Foot-pound relative

50 Line of stitches

53 Does a surfboard stunt (2 wds.)

56 Perfume holder

58 Opera solo

59 Yalie

60 Adams or McClurg

61 Under-stands

62 Knock

63 Fill the hull

DOWN

1 Corn serving

2 Explorer — Heyerdahl

3 Nautilus skipper

4 Protozoan (Var.)

5 Upper limit

6 Starr of the comics

7 Block from view

8 Cutting tool (Var.)

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9 Gullet

10 Hubby

11 Got a load of

17 Beaded shoe

19 A Great Lake

23 Boob tubes

24 Lubricates

25 Mariner's hello

26 Area of London

27 Stuffed shirt

30 Use bath powder

31 Burden of proof

32 Reindeer herder

34 Cleansing agent

37 Quirk

38 Bullring yells

40 Trade

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44 Home, in the phone book

45 Carouse

46 Layered haircut

47 One in a million

48 — — for keeps

51 Verdi opera

52 Hotel staff

54 Invisible substance

55 Puppy bite

57 Protective shelter

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1 Society newcomer

4 Roster

8 Amor-phous mass

12 Medit. nation

13 Words to a back-stabber

14 Entice

15 Standard

16 Complain

17 "The Good Earth" heroine

18 Enhanced audio technique

21 Busy insect

22 Mojito ingredient

23 Hen pens

26 Puppet eagle

27 Media mogul

30 Rara —

31 Helium, for one

32 Angelic light

33 Bud

34 Levy

35 Mustard city

36 In favor of

37 Sushi choice

38 Simon & Garfunkel hit song

45 Geometric calculation

46 Lady — (singer)

47 Actress

48 Sub-machine guns

49 Peron and Longoria

50 Co. that created

51 Soho resi-dence

52 Beget

53 Mao — -tung

DOWN

1 Quick swims

2 Jacob's brother

3 "I'm f-f-freezing!"

4 Crummy cars

5 "Check —!"

6 Jazz great

7 Arctic plains

8 Melan-choly

9 Hum-dinger

10 Algerian port

11 Flex

19 Knocks

20 Bottom line

23 Upper limit

24 Lab eggs

25 Squeak stopper

26 Jazz combo instrument

27 Mahal preceder

28 "Strange Magic" gp.

29 Mafia boss

31 Parking places

32 Hawaiian city

34 Road rescue

35 Cheapen

36 Banquet

37 Mystery writer's award

38 Move, as freight

39 Rice-shaped pasta

40 "Catch — You Can" (DiCaprio film)

41 Sitarist

42 Shankar

43 One

44 Pen tips

45 Title for Judi Dench

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Sisters react differently in rift with mom

DEAR ABBY: Seventeen years ago, when my sister “Elise” and I were 19 and 25, our mother kicked us both out. I have long since forgiven her, and I have a happy relationship with her. Elise, on the other hand, has never let it go. I don’t understand why, because she’s the older of us, and 25 was a normal age to leave the nest.

Elise refuses to see our mother unless someone drives out to pick her up, so every holiday and birth-day my stepfather picks her up and drives her round trip. Even when my sister is there, she speaks to no one, not even me. Mom and I talk and beg her to join us, while Elise sits off to the side and refuses to join in. I have planned girls’ trips for the three of us with the same result.

I long for a relationship with Elise, but not a one-sided one. I feel bad for Mom and for her, because I’m sure Elise is lonely. I feel like a horrible person when I say I have a sister but we are not close. Do you think there’s any hope? - MISSING NORMAL IN MICHIGAN

DEAR MISSING NORMAL:

There may be a lot more wrong with your sister than a case of hard feelings. As you stated, 17 years ago it was normal for 25-year-old women to leave their parents’ home and live independently or with a contemporary. If, at age 41, Elise is as isolated and uncommunicative as you describe, she may need the help of a psychotherapist to get back on track. Of course, this would entail her admitting she has a problem and a desire to do some-thing about it. Unless that happens, there’s nothing you or your parents can do to “help” her.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 63-year-old man, born “Thomas J. Reilly.” I was legally adopted at 14, although I had lived with my adoptive parents since I was 6 months old and was given their surname, “Johnson.” My wife of 42 years recently passed. My adoptive parents died several years ago, and my brother, who was also adopted by the Johnsons, has been gone two years.

My mother always wanted me to search for my birth family, but out of respect for her and Dad, I

never did. Now, because I have no adoptive relations left in my life, I’m considering changing my name back to Reilly, but I’m ambivalent about it. I want to reengage with my birthright, yet remain respectful to the Johnsons, who lovingly raised me as their own. My heart has two halves, and I don’t know which to nurture. - CONFUSED IN THE EAST

DEAR CONFUSED: The line, “What’s in a name? A rose by any other name would smell as sweet,” is a classic in English literature. In a situation like yours, however, it may not hold true. You honored your adoptive parents and your brother every day of their lives. If you feel changing your name would make your heart whole, then follow through with what you need to do.

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HOROSCOPE
By EUGENIA LAST

If today is your birthday: You’ll gain perspective if you do your research before getting involved in other people’s plans. Express your needs and wants, and don’t feel guilty because you want to follow your heart instead of someone else’s path.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - You have the drive to make things happen. Don’t give in to pushy people. Be realistic and set goals based on your needs and what you are willing to do to succeed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Hold on tight and enjoy the ride. Embrace opportunities and see where they lead. Start a creative hobby or consider studying something that stimulates your mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Initiate what you want to do. Don’t wait for someone to take control. Concentrate on what will bring you closer to the people you love and the things you enjoy doing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Do something that makes you feel good. Do some volunteer work or help a friend or relative. The change you make in some-one’s life will impact yours, as well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Bullies and liars, beware. You’ll have a short fuse and a harsh tongue. Remember to send out warning vibes to those who tend to upset you. You’re on a mission, and anyone who gets in your way will be dealt with abruptly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Live within your bud-get. Don’t buy into a misleading sales pitch. Legal, financial and medical issues will pose a problem if you are imprecise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Don’t be fooled by what others say or promise. Ask questions, and make what you want and need clear. A change you or someone close to you makes will limit your ability to get things done.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Seize the moment, and activate your plans. Take care of everything on your to-do list, and it will make you feel good. A life-style change will add to your comfort.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Your drive will sur-pass your expectations and help you master whatever you set out to do. Family time or romancing a loved one will lead to closer relationships and plans.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Take care of what and who matters to you. Don’t take risks that can disrupt your life. If you need help, ask. If you can help others, do so. Make sure to maintain balance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Don’t let emotions ruin your day. Explosive action will not get you what you want. Use intelligence, finesse and persistence instead of brute force.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Let your heart lead the way. Make a point to sign up for things that bring you closer to your dreams. A friend or relative will offer valuable help or insight.

ALMANAC

Today is Saturday, May 29, the 149th day of 2021 and the 71st day of spring.

TODAY’S HISTORY: In 1453, Ottoman armies captured Constantinople after a 53-day siege, effectively crushing the Byzantine Empire.

In 1790, Rhode Island became the last of the origi-nal 13 Colonies to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1848, Wisconsin was admitted as the 30th U.S. state.

In 1953, Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay became the first climbers known to have reached the summit of Mount Everest.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAYS: Patrick Henry (1736-1799), attorney/politician; G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936), writer; Bob Hope (1903-2003), comedian/actor; John F. Kennedy (1917-1963), 35th U.S. president; Bob Simon (1941-2015), journalist; Danny Elfman (1953-), composer; Annette Bening (1958-), actress; Rupert Everett (1959-), actor; Melissa Etheridge (1961-), singer-songwriter; Daniel Tosh (1975-), comedian/ TV personality.

TODAY’S FACT: Rhode Island’s constitution iden-tified the state’s official name as the “State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations” until residents voted to change the name in 2020.

TODAY’S SPORTS: In 1990, Rickey Henderson stole his 893rd base, breaking Ty Cobb’s American League career stolen base record.

TODAY’S QUOTE: “There are two ways to get enough. One is to continue to accumulate more and more. The other is to desire less.” — G.K. Chesterton

TODAY’S NUMBER: 19 — Academy Awards cer-emonies for which legendary entertainer Bob Hope served as host or co-host.

DEAR ABBY

BRIDGE
By PHILLIP ALDER

The Senior Life Master had even discarded his jacket, happy that the chill of winter had finally retreated well into northern Canada. He started his monthly class by saying, “Ellen Key was a Swedish author and femi-nist who died in 1926. She claimed that an ‘educator must above all understand how to wait; to reckon all effects in the light of the fu-ture, not of the present.’”

Pauses (the SLM contin-ued) are important in many fields, especially humor. However, my first deal features a different aspect of declarer-play. How should declarer try to make three no-trump after West leads a diamond away from the king?

The SLM gave them some moments to study the North-South hands, then contin-ued.

South has five top tricks: one spade, two hearts and two diamonds, given the lead. In addition, four more tricks are available from the clubs. But if the defender with the club ace holds it up until the second round of the suit, declarer can enjoy the remaining winners only if

North 05-29-21

♠ 10 5

♥ 7 4

♦ Q 10 5 3

♣ Q J 10 8 5

West

♠ K 6 3

♥ J 6 5

♦ K 8 7 2

♣ 6 3 2

East

♠ J 9 8 4

♥ Q 9 8 3

♦ 6 4

♣ A 7 4

South

♠ A Q 7 2

♥ A K 10 2

♦ A J 9

♣ K 9

Dealer: South

Vulnerable: North-South

South 2NT West Pass North 3NT East All Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 2

he has a dummy entry. And there is just one potential side-suit door to the dummy: the diamond queen.

To ensure that that queen will eventually provide ac-cess to the clubs, South must have paused long enough after the dummy appeared to make the key — not Ellen but unblocking — play of win-ning the first trick with the diamond ace, not with the nine or jack. Then he drives out the club ace, wins East’s spade or heart return and continues with a diamond, overtaking in the dummy if West withholds his king.

Always watch your entries, the SLM concluded.

CRYPTOQUIP

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E X S X E C H S Y V Q , E D I Q H R R
B N Q R I N H : E K K H M ’ R D V C H I .
Yesterday’s Cryptoquip: IN CULINARY SCHOOLS, WHAT MIGHT YOU CALL MEDIOCRE DISHES THAT GET FAIRLY LOW GRADES? C-FOOD.
Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals R

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ALYNM

CABHE

FYLOST

VOLIJA

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Answers Monday

Yesterday's Jumbles: LEAVE IMAGE LEVITY CODDLE Answer: They weren't made of gold, silver or bronze, but the top three awards were — "MEDALLIC"

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He's got to use me! I work great with words!

THE HYPHEN COULD SEE THE PERSON TYPING WORDS AND WAS ANXIOUS TO ---

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MEMORIAL DAY

Woman honors Arlington soldiers for those who can't make trip
COVID prevents many from visiting cemetery

By CATHY FREE
The Washington Post

Last Memorial Day, Emily Domenech was visiting her grandfather's grave in Arlington National Cemetery when she noticed the military memorial was largely empty. The pandemic was raging and COVID restrictions allowed only family members to visit.

Domenech pulled out her cellphone and made an offer on Twitter: "Does anyone have buddies buried in Arlington who they would like visited today?" she asked. "Since only family members are allowed in, I would be honored to pay respects on your behalf"

Domenech, 36, said she thought she might hear from one or two friends. Instead, by the end of the day hundreds of people had reached out with requests — mostly strangers — and her tweet went viral.

On a day she planned to spend 30 minutes at her grandfather's grave, she ended up at the cemetery for six hours to honor soldiers she'd never known and share photos of their gravesites on Twitter for their loved ones.

"I visited 60 graves and had such a huge response, I thought, 'Something special is happening here,'" said Domenech, a former Pentagon employee who lives in Alexandria, Virginia, and recently became a senior policy adviser to House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif.

She said there was only one option for Memorial Day 2021: "I had to do it again."

Domenech now plans to spend most of this holiday weekend at Arlington to visit graves for others who can't make the trip, even though most pandemic restrictions have been lifted.

This year, she will have help. The Travis Manion Foundation, a support organization for veterans and the families of fallen soldiers, heard about Domenech's efforts and coordinated several hundred volunteers through an arrangement they call the Honor Project.

From Friday to Sunday, the group will place small wooden American flags at the gravesites of 4,000 veterans buried at Arlington, then share photos on social media for their friends and family under the hashtag #TheHonorProject. People can register online to have a volunteer visit a loved one's grave.

"I never expected that my spur-of-the-moment tweet would launch a movement, but now I'm hoping this is something we can do every year," Domenech said.

"Not everyone can make it to Arlington, even without a pandemic going on," she said. "This is a way for them to still take part on Memorial Day,

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First lady Barbara Bush jokes with journalist Roger Mudd, left, during a reception in Washington to promote a PBS series entitled "Learning in America," on March 21, 1989. The series was sponsored by a \$3.9 million grant from the Chrysler Corporation. Chrysler chairman Lee Iaccoca stands at right. (J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE / ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Roger Mudd's
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STEPHEN JENDRYSIK
CHICOPEE HISTORY

BACK IN MARCH, veteran broadcast journalist Roger Mudd died at his home in McLean, Virginia, at the age of 93. In the 1980s my brother Tom, who worked for the U.S. State Department, had a home in McLean while he and his wife, Barbara, were back in the states for a short time.

Barb was a home economist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. When we stayed at their house the culminating activity of our trip would be a visit to an area restaurant selected by my sister-in-law.

The Alpine restaurant was in their neighborhood, and, whenever we were back in Virginia, the Szechwan Chinese eatery was a regular place to visit. To put it mildly, the food was very special. With the passing of Roger Mudd, I recalled our visits to Swiss Chalet Chinese restaurant in McLean.

A large photograph of the the newsman was prominently displayed in the facility. The Alpine was the Mudd family's favorite place to eat.

In the 1980s Chicopee Public Schools Community Television, municipal cable access TV, was in its infancy. I was the host of a monthly news show called "Market Square." Back in those days Mudd was the rising star at CBS News and the heir apparent to Walter Cronkite.

The guy was my idol. Sitting in front of the camera in my tweed jacket and conservative tie interviewing a parade of Chicopee luminaries, I was keeping a necessary sense of distance and being fair-minded, all while exhibiting politeness and charm.

The CBS newsman was a collateral descendant of Dr. Samuel Mudd, the Maryland physician who set John Wilkes Booth's broken leg after the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

Roger Mudd was born and raised in Washington,



In this Aug. 6, 2001, file photo, veteran journalist Roger Mudd tapes a segment for the History Channel at CBS studios in New York. Mudd, the longtime political correspondent and anchor for NBC and CBS who once stumped Sen. Edward Kennedy by simply asking why he wanted to be president, died in March at age 93. (ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO)

D.C., where his father was a mapmaker and his mother was a nurse. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1945. After the Army, he majored in history at Washington & Lee University and later earned a master's degree in history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mudd began his journalism career in a Richmond, Virginia, as a reporter for the Richmond News Leader and for radio station WRNL. In the 1950s he moved back to Washington where he became a reporter with WTOP News, the news division of radio and television stations owned by Washington Post and Newsweek.

By 1956, he hosted the first newscast he wrote for WTOP's 6 p.m. newscast. The program included a weekly commentary piece, all without the constraints of the "wire service vocabulary."

That was followed by a series on television documentaries he wrote and produced. CBS News was located on the

third floor of WTOP's studios at 40th and Brandywine streets in northwest Washington.

Five years later his work finally came to the attention of CBS News, and he was moved "downstairs" to join the Washington bureau on May 31, 1961. The Washington native became a part of the network correspondents covering the U.S. Congress.

That spring's biggest story was the "Cape Cod invasion" of the capital. John F. Kennedy was the new president, his brother, Robert, was the attorney general and the president's Massachusetts Senate seat was already a national news story.

Walter Cronkite, on the "CBS Evening News," was the first to report that the youngest Kennedy brother, Edward M. "Teddy" Kennedy, was in the primary race for the seat.

In 1962, I was in my senior year at American International College in Springfield. The campus Democrats were already supporting the state's attorney general, Edward McCormack, whose uncle, John McCormack, was the speaker of the U.S. House.

On a summer's night at the Springfield Auditorium, Cronkite was in the balcony, broadcasting live coverage of the showdown at the Democratic party's state nominating convention.

Roger Harrison Mudd was on the convention floor with the Kennedy delegates. He was reporting that the men, who two years earlier had helped elect a president, were now ensuring the Senate nomination of his kid brother.

Mudd would cover the Kennedys for the next 20 years. He was in the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles in 1968 when his friend U.S. Sen. Robert F.

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RELIGION NOTES

AGAWAM

Gift Shop open

The Vine and Branches Gift Shop at Sacred Heart Parish, 1061 Springfield St. in the Feeding Hills section, will continue to be open on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bee's Wax Candles are now in. Contact the Deb Briancesco at 413- 786-8200, ext.3, with any questions or concerns.

Virtual rally

Due to COVID-19, the eighth annual Faith on Fire Catholic Charismatic Rally at Sacred Heart Feeding Hills had to be canceled. The committee has worked together to bring you the Fire of Hope Virtual Catholic Charismatic Rally, featuring the Rev. David Aufiero from Holy Name Parish in Springfield as the main speaker. You can access this rally now through Aug. 31 at 6 p.m. on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) or [SacredHeartFeedingHills.org](https://www.SacredHeartFeedingHills.org).

CHICOPEE

Religious programs

Mary's House of Prayer offers the following programs:

- Full of Grace: Women and the Abundant Life study, Mondays, 10 a.m to noon, through June 28, or Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., through June 29; cost is \$45 for books
- Book of Revelation study with presenter Jeff Cavins, Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., through July 8; cost is \$25 for workbook

All programs are held at Mary's House of Prayer, 202 E. Main Street. Registration is required. Registration forms are on available at [maryshousechicopee.org](https://www.maryshousechicopee.org) (programs tab) or by contacting Jean at 413-452-0511 or maryshouse@diospringfield.org.

EASTHAMPTON

Online devotions

The Baha'i Community of Western Mass./Southern Vermont invites everyone to its regular, online devotional programs as follows:

- Weekly Sunday devotions via Zoom, Sundays, 11:30 a.m., hosted by local Baha'i communities and individuals on an alternating basis.
 - Springfield Spiritual Conversations gathering, third Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m.
 - Prayers for the Earth, second Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.
 - Easthampton Tuesday Devotions on the fourth Tuesday of each month
- For complete details, call 413-570-3019 or go online to [pvbc.local.bahai.us/activities/devotional-gatherings](https://www.pvbc.local.bahai.us/activities/devotional-gatherings)

HOLYOKE

In-person services

The United Congregational Church of Holyoke, 300 Appleton St., is pleased to announce that in-person worship services are returning every Sunday at 10 am beginning June 6. For updates and details regarding worship services, please visit UCC's website at [uccholyoke.org](https://www.uccholyoke.org) or the UCC Holyoke Facebook

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Bringing comfort in the time of need
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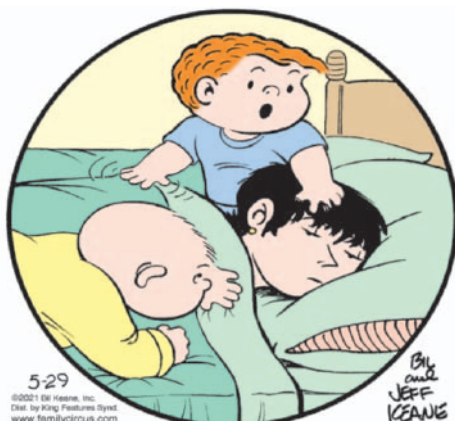
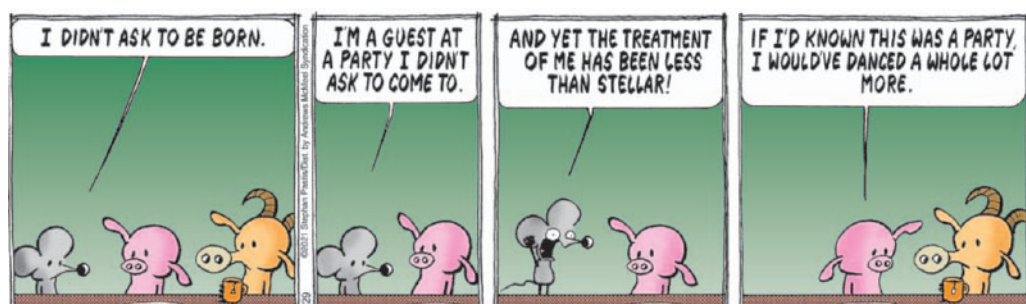
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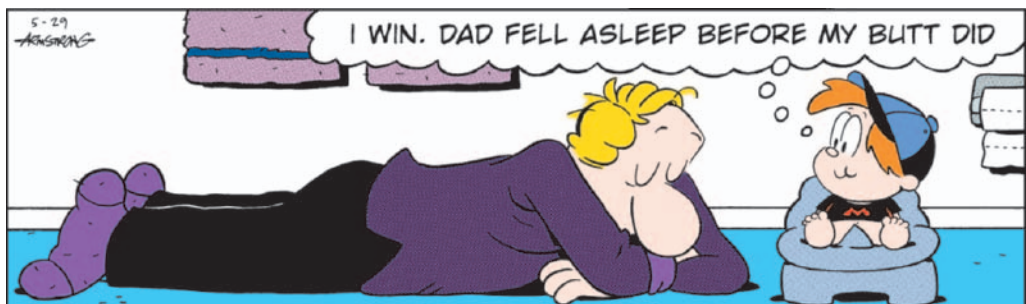


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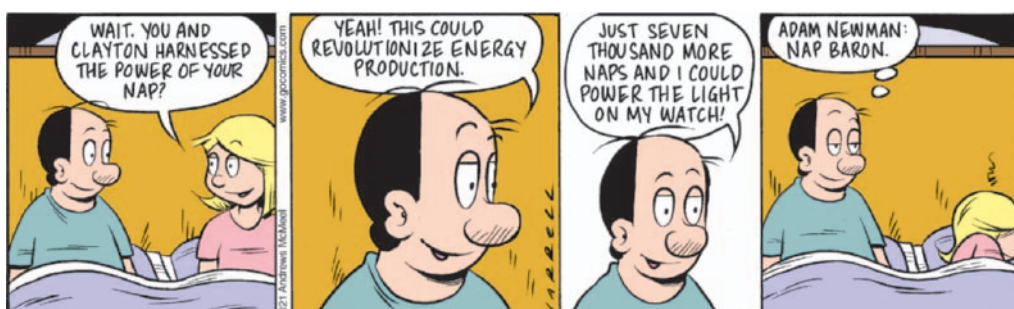
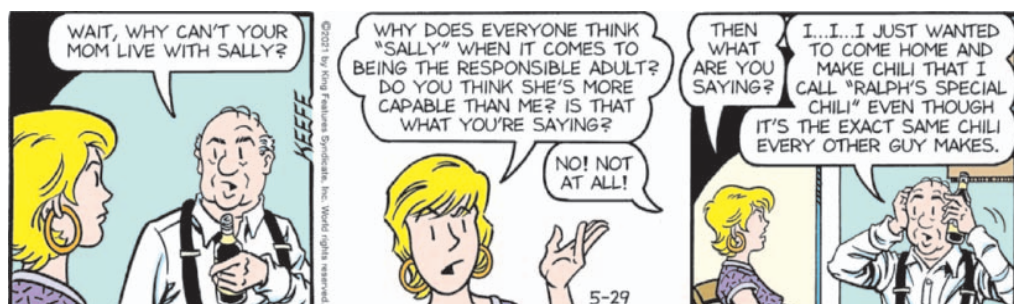
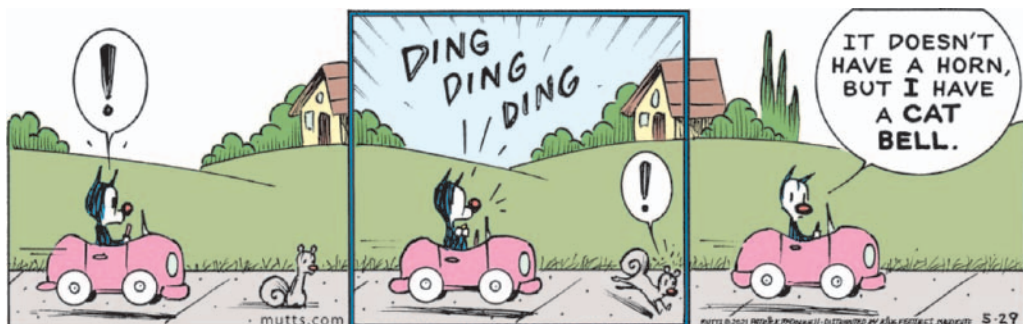
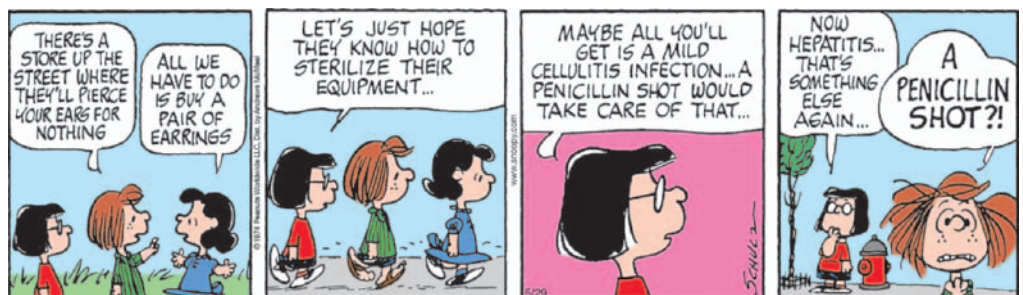
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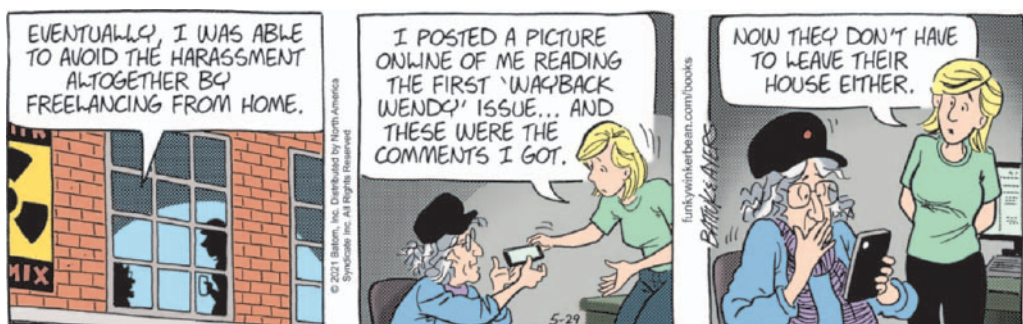
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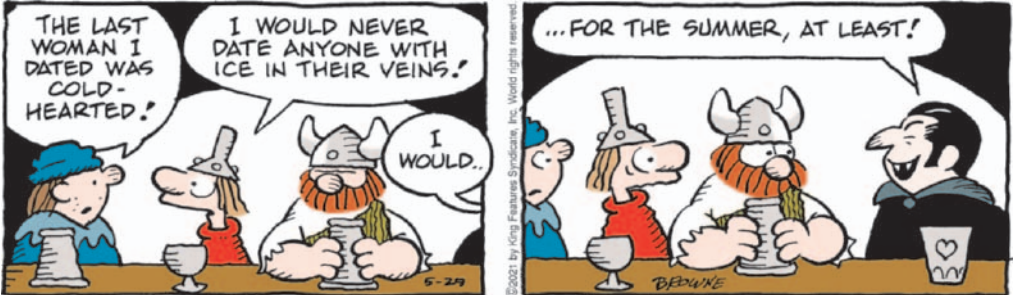
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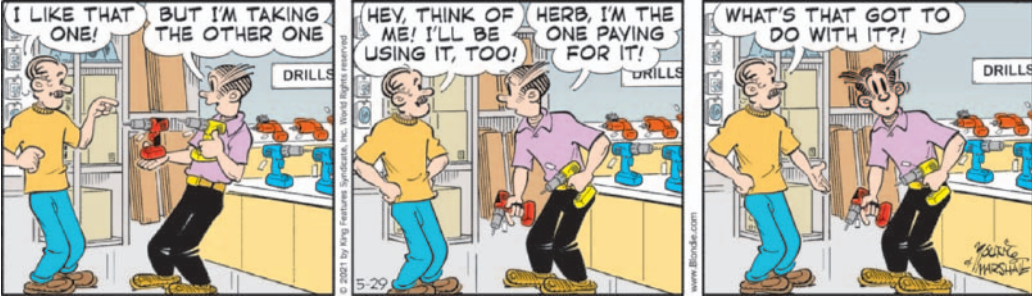
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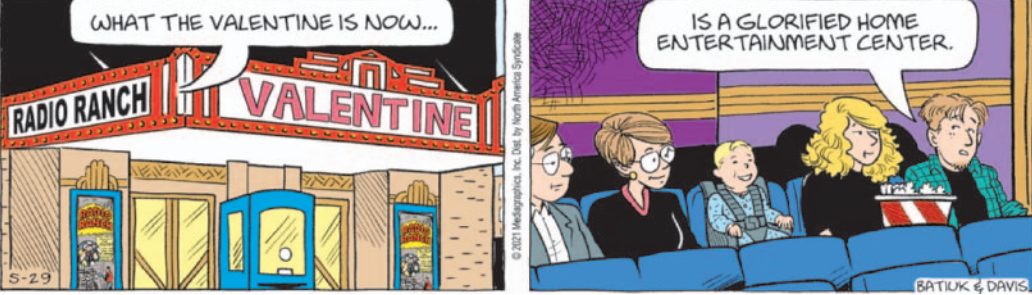
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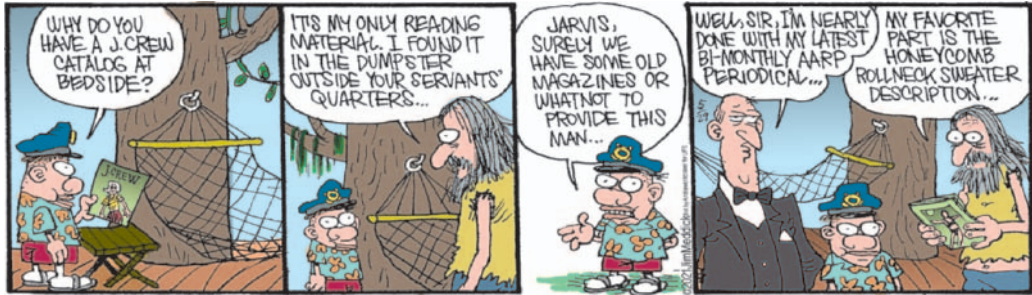
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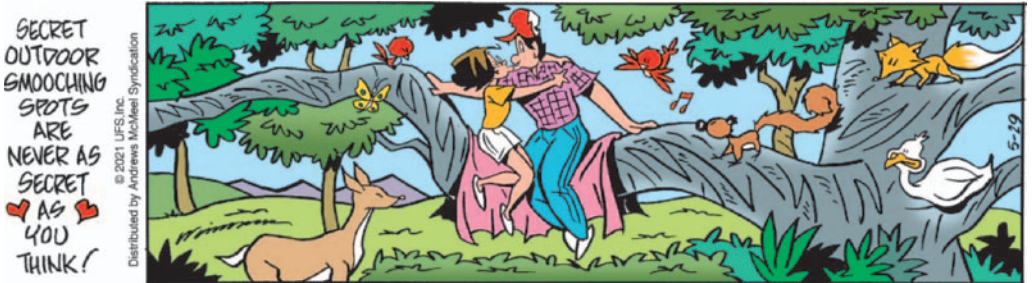
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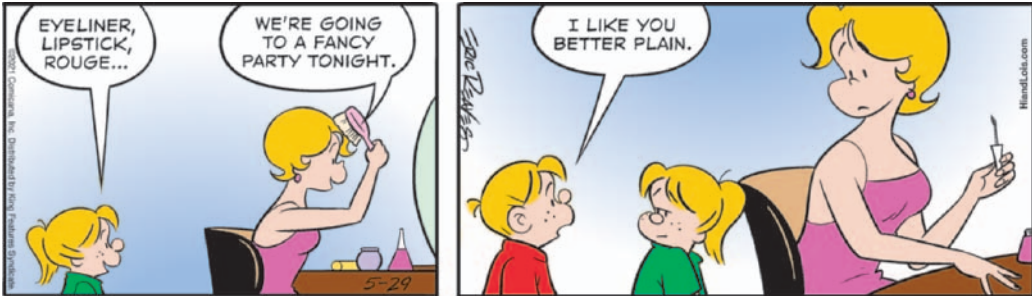
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Soldiers

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even if they live on the other side of the country.”

For Domenech, visiting Arlington National Cemetery has long been a family tradition, she said. Her grandfather John Domenech, an Army colonel who served during World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars, was buried there in 2006.

“I visit his grave every Memorial Day and Veterans Day to honor him,” said Domenech, “and usually, it’s pretty crowded.”

After her tweet last year from the cemetery, Domenech heard from a woman whose husband died in Afghanistan months earlier and had recently been buried in Arlington, she said.

“She hadn’t yet seen his headstone, so I was able to take a photo of it and send it to her,” Domenech said. “It was moving to support a person I’d never met. And it was cool to have that personal connection.”

Domenech had a handful of carnations with her that day, which she left on as many graves as possible.

“I ran out pretty quickly, but it was still nice to be able to take a photo and tag people on social media,” she said. “Judging by the response I received, it meant a lot.”

One of those who noticed her efforts was Ryan Manion, whose brother is the inspiration behind the Travis Manion Foundation. In 2007, Manion was killed during an ambush on patrol in Iraq while aiding wounded fellow Marines.

Ryan Manion, who is president of the foundation and lives in Doylestown, Pa., admired what Domenech had done and told her she’d like to help.

“Here she was with this

tangible idea, saying, ‘I want to honor your loved one,’” said Manion, 41. “The most important thing to Gold Star families is that their loved ones aren’t forgotten.”

When Manion put the word out to her volunteers that help was needed at Arlington this year, more than 300 responded, she said.

“The idea is to start here, then maybe we can also do this at other cemeteries for people who can’t visit in person,” she added. “Emily has started something that could really be long-lasting and grow much bigger around the country.”

For Sarah Geisen, one of the volunteers who signed up, visiting the graves of strangers is the “least she could do,” she said, since so many people have been affected by COVID and can’t travel.

Geisen’s brother, Army Special Forces Capt. Drew Patrick Ross, was killed in Afghanistan in 2018 by an improvised explosive device. He is buried in Arlington, and she couldn’t imagine not being able to visit his final resting place, she said.

“I wish I had known what Emily was doing last year, and I would have joined forces with her,” said Geisen, 35.

She said COVID has affected many Gold Star Families who have had to delay funerals or been unable to travel to Arlington.

“It’s been a gut-wrenching experience for a grieving community,” she said.

Domenech said that as she wandered around the cemetery last year, she came upon the grave of a Marine who shared her July 26 birthday.

“I said his name aloud and stood there for a little while to wonder about his life and the people who will celebrate his birthday without him every year,” she said. “He deserved to be remembered.”

TRAVEL

‘People are just excited to get out’

Travel numbers climb as Americans hit road for holiday

By DAVID KOENIG
Associated Press

Americans hit the road in near-record numbers at the start of the Memorial Day weekend, as their eagerness to break free from coronavirus confinement overcame higher prices for flights, gasoline and hotels.

More than 1.8 million people went through U.S. airports

Thursday, and the daily number was widely expected to cross 2 million at least once over the long holiday weekend, which would be the highest mark since early March 2020.

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas warned people to expect long lines at airports and appealed for travelers to be patient.

The rise in travel appears to be fueled by an increase in COVID-19 vaccinations as well as an improving economy. The U.S. Commerce Department said consumer spending increased in April, although not as

much as in March, showing how consumers are driving a recovery from last year’s pandemic recession.

At Miami International Airport, officials expected crowds equal to pre-pandemic levels. It was a similar story in Orlando, where airport traffic has reached 90% of 2019 levels as tourists flocked to theme parks that have recently loosened restrictions.

Along the Florida coasts and around Orlando, many hotels were booked solid through the weekend.

“We are going into off-season,

and it has not slowed down,” said Cathy Balestriere, general manager of Crane’s Beach House, a boutique hotel in Delray Beach, Florida.

Vacation destinations like Las Vegas, Hawaii and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, were among the top destinations for holiday revelers, according to AAA. Paula Twidale, a spokeswoman for the auto club and insurer, said the pickup in travel began in April as more Americans got vaccinated and the weather improved.

“People are just excited to get out,” she said.

BOSTON

State requiring in-person learning this fall

By KATIE LANNAN
State House News Service

All schools and districts will be required to hold classes in-person next fall and health and safety requirements imposed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will be lifted for the new school year, the department said in new guidance sent to superintendents Thursday evening.

The guidance says districts and schools must continue “core mitigation strategies” including indoor masking, physical distance and strong hand hygiene for the remainder of this school year. When the state lifts most COVID-19 restrictions today, students and

staff will still need to wear masks inside.

“With the State of Emergency ending June 15, 2021, and as COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths continue to fall as vaccination rates increase, for the fall, all districts and schools will be required to be in-person, full-time, five days a week and all DESE health and safety requirements will be lifted,” the guidance says. “This includes all physical distancing requirements.”

Schools will not be able to offer remote learning “as a standard learning model” in the fall, per the guidance, but pre-pandemic virtual learning options for “individual students in limited cases” will remain available, including home or hospital tutoring because

of a medical condition and single-district virtual schools. Education officials plan to work with the Department of Public Health to issue health and safety recommendations over the summer, on topics like masks for elementary schoolers. Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeff Riley has previously said he expected a full return to in-person schooling in the fall.

On Tuesday, he said all elementary and middle schools are now in-person full time and 99% of high schools met his May 17 deadline for in-person learning. During the week of May 20-26, districts reported 229 new cases of COVID-19 among students and 21 among staff to DESE.

Jendrysik

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Kennedy died.

In 1979, the turbulent presidency of incumbent Jimmy Carter was in free fall. The polls were not friendly to the liberal southern Democrat in the White House. Still, trying to launch a

party nomination effort against an incumbent member of one’s own party was a serious long shot.

“CBS Reports” on Nov. 4, 1979, telecast “Teddy.” Three days after the program aired, the youngest Kennedy brother announced his decision to seek the nomination for president. What happened next was something

the Washington Post report called a “Roger Mudd moment.”

Mudd’s interview, taped on Cape Cod, included an obvious question. Mudd asked, “Senator, why do you want to be president?”

Kennedy whiffed on the question. Every member of the History Department at Chicopee Comprehensive High School

had a difficult time explaining what the senator said. John Moran, the department chairman, believed that in the middle of the interview Kennedy lost focus trying to explain the impact of his decision on his family.

Stephen R. Jendrysik is a Chicopee historian, retired history teacher and author of several books on the city’s history.

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page. The United Congregational Church of Holyoke is an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. To learn more visit ucchoolyoke.org, or call the office at 413-532-1483 Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and Thursdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SOUTHWICK

Safe Sunday services

Southwick Congregational Church has now opened its sanctuary for safe worship services on Sundays at 10 a.m. for a quick service. “Coffee Hour,” continues via Zoom at 11 a.m. The worship safety protocols require everyone to wear a mask, practice social distancing, and follow a well-marked

traffic flow. If you do not feel well, stay home.

WMASS

Online services

■ Trinity Episcopal Church, 27 Streiber Drive in Chicopee, invites the community to the weekly online 9 a.m. Sunday worship service via Zoom. Weekly worship via Zoom is also available at noon Monday through Friday. For complete details, call 413-533-7872.

■ First United Methodist Church, 16 Court St. in Westfield, holds its Sunday worship on its Facebook page, every Sunday at 10 a.m. For more information visit umcwestfield.org. ■ St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 34 Jarvis Ave. in Holyoke, holds online worship services via Zoom on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. There will be a virtual “coffee hour” afterwards.

■ South Congregational Church, Maple Street in Springfield, invites the community for Sunday services at 10 a.m. via Zoom. More information on its Facebook page.

Listings should be mailed two weeks in advance to The Republican, 1860 Main St., Springfield, MA 01103; email pmastriano@repub.com

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